

Judge allows televised executions

DALLAS (AP) — Barring a possible appeal by the Texas Department of Corrections, films of executions may be beamed into Texas homes via Dallas television newsman Tony Garrett's camera.

Judge William Taylor said Monday he expected to sign an order today that would give print and electronic media access to executions at the State Prison in Huntsville.

The judge's order would allow Garrett to film the execution for later

telecast with the agreement that the film would be shared with other television stations.

The action came as result of a suit filed by Garrett, who sought permission to film an execution and interview inmates awaiting capital punishment.

"I'll be knocking at the door of the State Prison Wednesday asking to interview one or more prisoners on death row and I expect the TDC

people to let me in," said Garrett, 39, who represents the public KERA-TV.

Judge Taylor's ruling allows such interviews at the times allotted, normally on Wednesdays between 9 and 11 a.m.

Garrett said he expected the TDC to appeal Judge Taylor's order through the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

A spokesman for TDC Director W.J. Estelle Jr. said Monday that the TDC would have no comment until Taylor's order is in hand and read and indicated that comment from Estelle could come today.

Judge Taylor said, "Very simply, I said the news media are entitled to have representatives there, following a policy that had been followed for a number of years.

"That is that the representatives of The Associated Press and United Press International would serve as pool reporters and also that there could not be any distinction as far as electronic media were concerned. Mr. Garrett would be entitled to be there with his camera on the same basis...that is, as a pool reporter."

Pool reporters represent the media, sharing news reports and observations with their colleagues.

Dallas Times Herald Executive Editor Ken Johnson, a voluntary witness for the plaintiff, had testified that he did not feel the news media should be restrained from covering an execution because of someone's personal opinion.

"I see no objection to filming as long as it does not create a circus atmosphere..." Johnson said. He spoke in reference to Estelle's testimony opposing the filming of executions.

Marty Haag, news director at Dallas' WFAA-TV, said, "I fear that a circus could be made out of it."

"I would be surprised if that many stations carried it, quite frankly," Haag continued. "This is obviously a very serious and profound question and there will be a lot of talk about that among the management before a decision is made here."

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\$116 million in local banks

Bank deposits set record

The vigor in Howard County's economy is reflected in the record \$116,581,215 on deposit in the county's four banks.

The figure represents a 12.3 per cent boost over the third quarter of 1976 and an 11.8 per cent gain over a year ago, when deposits passed the \$100 million mark for the first time. At that time, deposits reached \$103,662,349.

Jimmy Taylor, president of the First National Bank, said that deposits will likely pyramid to new highs within the next 30 days, when the bulk of the cotton crop is collected and sold.

The First National reported deposits of \$52,800,414, up over \$7.3 million from the third quarter of the year and representing a gain of nearly

\$3 million over the fourth quarter in 1976.

Taylor said that the increase can be attributed to three things — the petroleum industry, which has improved the business climate throughout the state; the cotton industry and the community's tremendous Christmas season, which recently drew to a close.

Some of Big Spring's merchants reported record volumes of trade during the Thanksgiving to Christmas period.

Deposits at State National Bank, which identifies strongly with the agricultural industry, are up \$6.5 million for the quarter and nearly \$9 million for the year.

The price cotton is fetching on the

market is slightly off — from around 70 cents a pound to between 60 and 65 cents — but is still considered strong, with indications the county will account for more than 70,000 bales.

DEPOSITS

Dec. 31, 1976	Sept. 30, 1976	Dec. 31, 1975
\$2,800,414	45,455,753	49,989,111
19,461,379	19,336,900	18,736,207
38,970,019	32,255,000	30,035,003
5,349,403	5,189,372	4,902,028
\$116,581,215	\$102,237,026	\$103,662,349

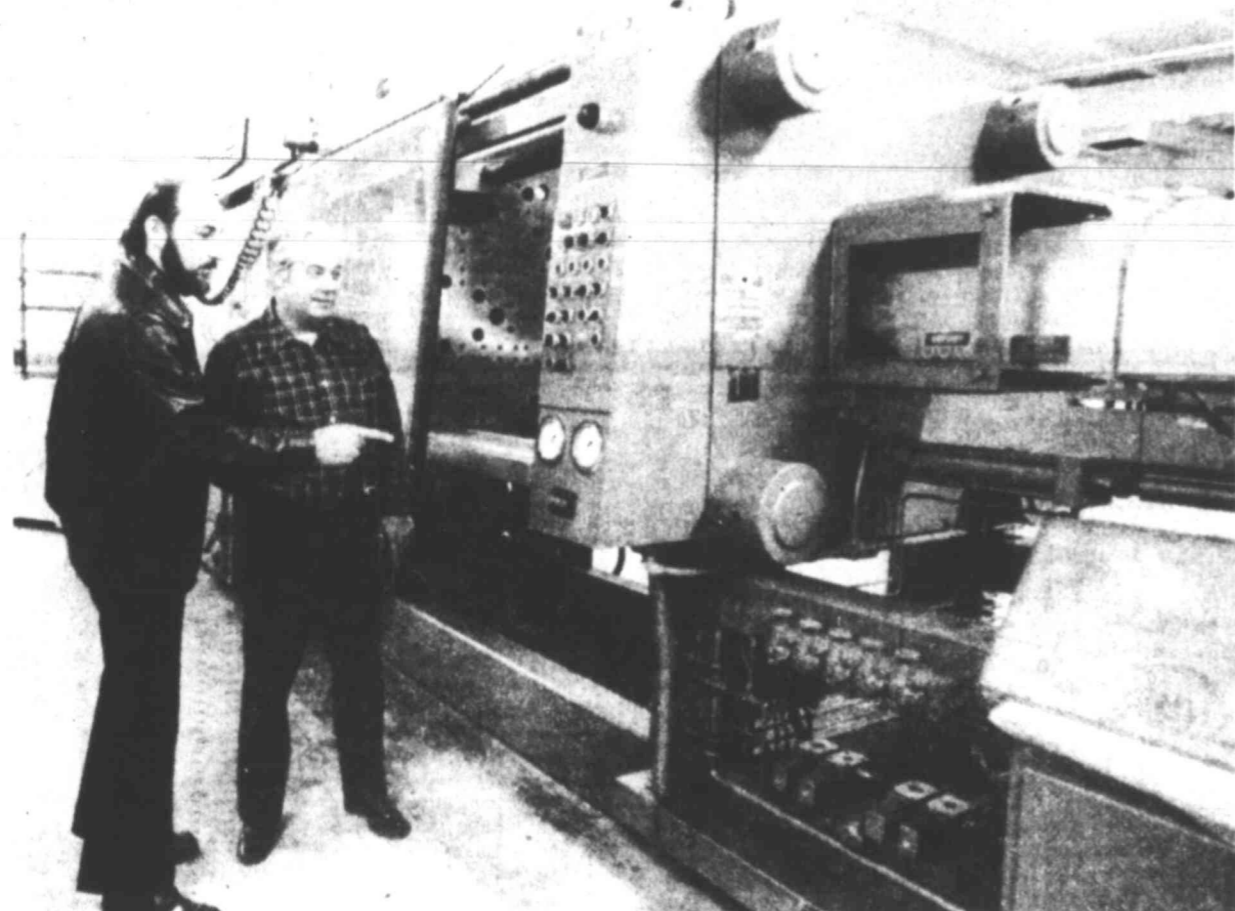
LOANS

Dec. 31, 1976	Sept. 30, 1976	Dec. 31, 1975
35,600,465	32,719,956	28,581,706
8,186,130	8,081,101	5,387,799
18,801,928	16,580,951	16,092,888
4,040,418	3,991,877	3,486,262
\$66,628,941	\$61,373,885	\$54,608,146

Loans at the county's four banks are at a record high, too, totaling \$66,628,941, representing a gain of 7.9 per cent for the quarter and up 18 per cent over a year ago.



LOOKING FOR SUPPORT — Robert Griffin, Michigan, left, leans in for a word with Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., during a Republican caucus meeting today on Capitol Hill. Griffin is the frontrunner to succeed Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania as the Senate minority leader. The vote will come later today.



NEARING START OF OPERATION — Lee Sweetman (right), plant manager, listens as Chuck Lark, welding superintendent, discusses part of the heavy equipment moved in by Big Spring's newest industry, Highwood Products Co. Highwood, a subsidiary of Burwood Industries, manufactures wall accessories. The firm could go into limited production sometime next week and could be in full-time operation by the end of the month. Six

full-time employees are now employed at the industry and that number will grow substantially within the month. Highwood is located in the old Intech building in the west part of Big Spring. In addition to Sweetman and Lark, other full-time employees now at the plant are Cathy Webb, secretary; Lionel Valdez, David Burchum and Stephen Forshee.

Tanker, crew said missing

BOSTON (AP) — American and Canadian planes were ordered out over the North Atlantic today to search for a Panamanian tanker missing with 8 million gallons of heavy oil aboard.

A limited search Monday failed to turn up any sign of the Grand Zenith, which had been expected to arrive at Providence, R.I., on Sunday.

The 18,717-ton, 644-foot vessel left Teesport, England, on Dec. 19, and was last heard from Thursday in a position about 30 miles south-southeast of Cape Sable, Nova Scotia, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

"People have been trying to raise her by radio for several days with no luck," said Coast Guard Lt. Michael Calabro.

On Monday, a Canadian plane searched the northern part of the ship's expected course from Cape Sable to Providence. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter searched to the south from Nantucket to Narragansett Bay.

The U.S. cutter Dallas, searching the middle part of the course, remained at sea overnight.

A spokesman said ports where the Grand Zenith might have put in had been checked without success.

Ships in the North Atlantic were asked to be on the lookout for the vessel.

Focalpoint

Action/reaction: No closing tie?

Q. I heard a 22-man personnel assistance team is coming into Webb Air Force Base this week? Are they coming in connection with the possible closing of Webb AFB?

A. There is a 22-person personnel staff visiting here from the Air Training Command Headquarters for evaluation purposes. It is said not to be related to the closing of Webb. There is also expected in the near future regular visits from such groups as the Civil Engineer Supplies Management team in February, the resident auditor from Dyess AFB, his and a maintenance assistance team from the ATC. Each of these may trigger a new rumor, but they are regularly scheduled visits, according to the public relations office at Webb.

If you have a question for Action-reaction, call 263-7331.

Calendar: VFW meeting

National Congress of Educational Excellence speaker, Ms. Peggy Jones of Austin in the Flame Room at Pioneer Gas at 7:30 p.m. Public interested in educational excellence is invited to attend.

Time capsule ceremony at the Chamber of Commerce office with BASIC students in charge. 4 p.m.

Stanton city councilmen face a 14-item agenda when they meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the city hall.

Regular meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 at the post headquarters on Driver Road. 7:30 p.m.

Offbeat: Frank, Jesse James jailed

BRICK TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Frank and Jesse James are in the lockup.

The two are Frank, 23, of Milford, Del., and brother Jesse, 26, of Lincoln, Del.

The brothers were arrested Monday after police questioned them in connection with a report that someone was tearing antennas from cars parked at a shopping center.

Both were charged with being drunk and disorderly and interfering with police. Frank also was charged with possessing marijuana.

They were being held in the Ocean County Jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail each.

Although the brothers share their names with a pair of desperadoes who became legendary in the days of the Wild West, authorities knew of no connection.

TV's best: Who's who

Dan Rather, Charles Kuralt, and Barbara Howard report tonight on a lot of interesting people from all walks of life at seven o'clock on CBS, in "Who's Who."

Then at 8 p.m., on the same network, Radar uses the duty log to practice his writing skills and gets into some trouble with Col. Potter on "M.A.S.H."

Inside: Dealer 'missing'

OWNERS of a grain business is reported missing in Gulf of Mexico as farmers gather at his office to see about what happened to their grain. See p. 3A.

PRESIDENT FORD'S promise of statehood legislation for Puerto Rico stunned and bewildered many Puerto Ricans. See p. 3A.

WITH THE CHIEF prosecutor wearing blue jeans and cowboy boots and defense attorneys in suits, six jurors have been tentatively seated for the manslaughter trial of an entertainer Claudine Longet. See p. 2A.

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Outside: Colder

The forecast today is for clear skies, turning partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Winds will be strong from the southwest at 20-30 miles-per-hour, with a chance of blowing dust. High today is expected in the mid 60s, low tonight in the upper 20s, high tomorrow in the mid 50s.



Ford proposes income tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford today proposed a \$10 billion personal income tax cut along with corporate tax reductions and an increase in personal Social Security taxes. The package is nearly a carbon copy of tax cut proposals Congress rejected last year.

Like last year's package, the new proposal includes \$2.5 billion in corporate tax reductions. It also calls for a \$5.1 billion increase in personal Social Security taxes over a two-year period. Last year's proposal called for a \$1.65 billion increase in personal Social Security taxes.

The administration proposal last year was linked to compensating cuts in spending. But this time, Ford's

proposal was initially unclear on whether he would seek compensating spending cuts. Ford noted in a message to Congress that he will be sending up his spending proposals with his budget later this month.

Ford estimated his tax proposals would save \$227-a-year for a family of four with an income of \$15,000.

The Democratic controlled Congress is expected to await the economic stimulus plan of President-elect Carter rather than act on Ford's proposal.

Carter has indicated his program would focus on job creation. Ford's tax proposals were targeted at what the President called middle-income taxpayers.

"The tax reductions of 1975 and 1976 focused tax relief on the lower income taxpayer," Ford said. "However, it is high time to focus substantial tax relief on middle-income taxpayers."

The package includes a proposal to increase the individual income tax exemption from the present \$750 to \$1,000, said L. William Seidman, the President's economic adviser.

Ford's proposed tax saving for individuals would be effective with the current year. It would be offset to some degree by increases in Social Security taxes effective next Jan. 1.

The Social Security tax rate for individuals currently is 5.85 per cent of income up to about \$16,000. Under the Ford proposal, that rate would

rise to 6.6 per cent by Jan. 1, 1980, although two-tenths of a per cent of that increase is already mandated by law.

The impact of the Social Security increases on a family of four with an income of \$15,000, and only one wage earner in the family, would be about \$112 in additional taxes in 1980 compared to this year.

Ford is proposing the tax cut package not as an additional stimulus to the economy, Seidman said. The main purpose is to cut down on government spending and control and to give the individual a larger say in the use of federal tax dollars.

Carter says he will divest peanut business

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — Confessing to "some regrets," President-elect Carter pledged today to free himself of any possible conflict of interest by turning over his prosperous peanut business to trustees who will lease or sell it.

Talking to reporters outside the headquarters office of his peanut marketing partnership operation, Carter said he felt he had to "bend over backwards" because "I don't want to have any decision I make as president have an effect on my income."

The president-elect made his comments as aides unveiled a tough ethics code for top government officials.

Lakes not threatened

Wrecked transport spills oil

IRA — Close to 150 barrels of crude oil are headed down the Colorado River this morning after an oil transport accident west of State Highway 350 in Scurry County Monday night.

A Western Crude Oil transport from Midland, driven by Jerry Turner of Forsan, went out of control shortly after 8 p.m. Monday and ran off Texas 350 just a short distance from the Colorado River bridge south of here.

The transport turned over on its right side and the oil spilled out into a steam that took it straight to the river, according to Jimmy Granado, Colorado City policeman, who was at the scene.

The transport struck a culvert before overturning. The driver was in a stunned condition, but not believed to be seriously injured. He was taken to a Snyder hospital.

The Department of Public Safety from Snyder investigated the accident. The transport company had reported the accident to both the Texas Railroad Commission in Midland and the Texas Water Quality board in Lubbock this morning.

Both groups had representatives on the way to the river to observe the spill.

The slick spread downriver toward the Colorado River Municipal Water District's low flow diversion works,

five miles northwest of Colorado City on the river.

Owen Ivey, director of CRMWD, said an amount such as 150 barrels will hardly reach the diversion works, because most of the crude will be caught on weeds and vegetation in the river.

"However, whatever little bit gets that far will go into the 2500 acre diversion lake and side storage reservoir which is used by oil companies for second recovery. It will never reach Lake E.V. Spence, which furnishes the water supply for Big Spring, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa," Ivey added. "There will be no pollution in the reservoir," Ivey stated.

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Picking leaders in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Democrats firmly in control, the 95th Congress today established two-year residence in the Capitol with new leadership and an avowed determination to start work on President-elect Carter's economic program.

The first of business for incoming senators were party caucuses to elect new Democratic and Republican leaders.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia was elected majority leader by acclamation after Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota

skilled technician at moving legislation through the Senate. His views on economic issues are close to Carter's, and Byrd is expected to work closely with the new president.

At the Republican caucus, Sen. Robert P. Griffin of Michigan was expected to be named minority leader to succeed Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, who retired from the Senate. Griffin, who had served as assistant minority leader, was challenged by Sen. Howard H. Baker of Tennessee.

In the House, backers of a

massive public works jobs plan were ready to introduce at the opening session a \$4-billion expansion of the current program. The plan has been cleared with Carter for inclusion in his overall economic stimulus plan.

When Carter takes office Jan. 20, Democrats will have solid control of both the legislative and executive branches of government and apparently will have the kind of power they have not had since Lyndon Johnson's landslide victory in 1964.

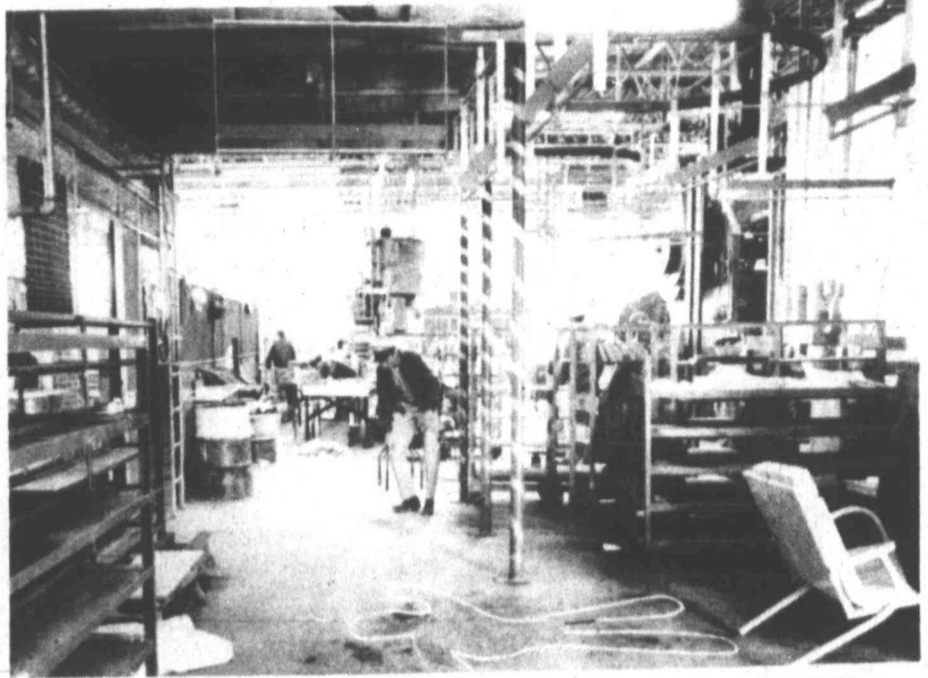
The contests for leadership posts in the House were

decided last month. Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., with solid Democratic backing, will succeed Rep. Carl Albert of Oklahoma as speaker. Rep. Jim Wright of Texas was the choice to succeed O'Neill as majority leader.

The only holdover among congressional leaders will be Rep. John Rhodes of Arizona as House minority leader.

Democrats have controlled Congress since 1955. But for the past eight years, Republicans held the White House and used the presidential veto power to thwart many Democratic sponsored programs.

Going by the numbers, Democrats have enough power to do pretty much what they want. They hold a 62 to 38 margin in the Senate and control the House 292 to 143.



INMATE SLAIN — Arizona State Prison guards search for evidence and contraband in the license plate shop where Anthony N. Serra, 42, figure in the collapse of fraudulent Great Southwest Land and Cattle Co., was stabbed to death Monday. Chalk marks the spot where Serra fell.



SHAKE HANDS (left), grasps Markham on his from Zurich toddlers last month in ex Luis Corvalan. M ing for his rel hospitals.

Two think entertainer 'guilty'

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — With jury selection in its second day in the Claudine Longet manslaughter trial, two Aspen residents bluntly declared they believe the singer is guilty in the death of her lover and they could not give her a fair trial.

The 35-year-old Miss Longet was tense and light-lipped as she stared directly at the prospective jurors

while each was questioned individually.

"Are you working on a presumption of her guilt?" asked Deputy Dist. Atty. Ashley Anderson of a young photographer.

"I don't like to admit that, but I guess it's true," said Bruce Yaffo. He said he had learned details of the case from Steve Sabich, brother of the victim, ski champion Vladimir "Spider" Sabich.

Moments later, the next prospect called to the jury box, a young woman in her 20s, declared: "From all that I've read and my involvement in this, I already have an opinion. That's not fair to Miss Longet. It's not fair to the court."

The woman, Robin Grasher, said she would require the defense to prove

Miss Longet's innocence rather than the legal requirement that the burden of proof rest with the prosecution.

Both prospects were excused for prejudice. Two prospects were tentatively seated, bringing the total of tentative jurors to eight.

Miss Longet is charged with manslaughter in the March 21 shooting death of Sabich in the \$250,000 mountain home they shared. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in jail and a \$30,000 fine.

Prosecutors have said they might call singer Andy Williams, Miss Longet's ex-husband, to the stand. But Dist. Atty. Frank Tucker has refused to discuss why Williams was summoned.

Williams left for Los Angeles after the noon break Monday, saying he expects to return next week.

One of three prospects dismissed the first day, Aspen Mayor Stacy Standley, admitted, "I felt the defendant was guilty, based on the information I had received from a police officer."

Ford delays gas prices action

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford today postponed announcing his proposal for lifting price controls on gasoline until later this week. The move will set the stage for one more Ford battle with Congress before he leaves office.

Aides had said the announcement was expected today, but Deputy Press Secretary John Carlson told reporters: "The President has not made a final decision as to the time of transmitting the proposal to Congress."

Carlson said the announcement could come Thursday or later in the week.

Congress then will have 15 days in which to veto Ford's proposal. If Congress does not act, the lid will be off gas prices on Jan. 19, the day before Ford leaves office.

Gasoline is the last major oil product remaining under price control at the retail level. The ceilings were imposed in 1973 when petroleum shortages following the Arab oil boycott caused prices to rise.

Administration officials admit that avoiding a congressional veto may be a close call for Ford because of increasing sentiment among the lawmakers for leaving this issue to incoming Democratic President Carter.

There is wide disagreement about the impact of any end to price lids.

Administration spokesmen contend that ending controls on gasoline will have little immediate effect on prices at the pump. And they say in the long range it will provide incentives for the industry to increase exploration and refinery capacity.

Oil companies now are charging less than they are allowed for gasoline, a White House spokesman pointed out, because of competition and lack of demand.

The Federal Energy Administration estimates the price of unleaded gas could go up two cents a gallon. The FEA estimates the average price nationally for regular gasoline now is 60 cents a gallon.

Congressional critics, however, claim consumers could see much higher price boosts and that there would be increased inflation and higher unemployment as a result. They estimate that lifting price controls, coupled with

Police beat

Son flees with dad's car, cash

Jesse Curry, 2515 Central, was mugged while walking through Birdwell Park, 3 p.m. Monday.

According to reports, Curry was taking a stroll through the park when two male juveniles jumped him and took his wrist watch. The watch was valued at \$35.

Police received a runaway alert from the Holiday Inn, early this morning. When officers arrived at the scene they were met by an El Paso man claiming that his son had run away with the man's wallet and brand new Mercury Cougar during the night.

The wallet contained all of the man's identification papers and credit cards, and \$50 in cash. The 1976 auto was valued at \$8,000.

Burglars hit the home of Beatrice Perkins, 203 N. Goliad, sometime between 5 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday. After breaking

down the back door, the intruders made off with two television sets, a clock, three clock radios, and a jewelry box containing three watches and a variety of jewelry. Loss was estimated at over \$720.

Thieves stole a pickup belonging to Derwood Zant from his Fido Shop on 1502 Scurry Sunday night. In the back of the truck was a tool box containing tools valued at nearly as much as the truck itself. Total loss was estimated at \$3,000.

A variety of plumbing equipment was ripped off from a storage building belonging to J. C. Gross, 3300 Duke, between Dec. 27 and 4 p.m. Monday. Loss was estimated at \$340.

At 11:30 p.m. Monday, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garza, 1401 W. 5th, heard noises at the back of their home. They waited until their father returned from

Defense warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — As they prepare to leave office, Donald Rumsfeld and George Bush are continuing to warn about the growth and intentions of the Soviet Union's armed forces.

Both Rumsfeld, the secretary of defense, and Bush, the director of central intelligence, told broadcast interviewers Sunday that they fear that the Soviets have abandoned the pursuit of parity with the United States "to seek weapons superiority."

The Soviet desire for superiority was the essence of reports recently published about the content of the latest National Intelligence Estimate compiled by the CIA for the President. Both Bush and Rumsfeld refused to comment directly on the classified report.

Rumsfeld, on the ABC program "Issues and Answers," was asked if the CIA's conclusions matched those of the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency.

"I can say this much — that it is true that the judgments within the entire U.S. intelligence community come closer together, and that is good," he said.

Markets

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20 Rails	off 0.98
15 Utilities	off 0.36
Adobe	26 1/2
Allis Chalmers	24 1/2
American Airlines	14 1/2
AGC	10 1/2
American Cyanamide	27 1/2
American Motors	4
American Petroleum	2 1/2
American Tel & Tel	43 1/2
Anaconda	1
APCO	1
Baker Oil	44 1/2
Baxter Labs	40 1/2
Benetton	40 1/2
Boeing	44 1/2
Brant	14 1/2
Bristol Meyers	48
Chrysler	21
Cities Service	58 1/2
Coca Cola	78 1/2
Consolidated Nat Gas	36 1/2
Continental Airlines	65
Curtis Wright	37
Dow Chemical	47 1/2
Eastman Kodak	85 1/2
El Paso Natural Gas	53 1/2
Fairmont Foods	15
Firststone	23 1/2
General Electric	40 1/2
General Motors	15 1/2
General Electric	27 1/2
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Hammond	71
Harte-Hanks	18 1/2
IBM	277 1/2
Jones Laughlin	15
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Marcor	45 1/2
McCullough Oil	3
Mobil	69 1/2
Montano	14 1/2
National Service	14 1/2
New Process	10
Norfolk & Western	31 1/2
Pepsi Cola	79 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	65 1/2
Pioneer Natural Gas	36
Procter Gamble	92 1/2
Ramada	24 1/2
Republic Steel	37 1/2
Reynolds Metals	25 1/2
Scott Paper	20
Sealed Air	13 1/2
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Shell Oil	78 1/2
Skelly Oil	108 1/2
Sperry Rand	11 1/2
Standard Oil Calif	40 1/2
Standard Oil Ind	48 1/2
Sun Oil	24 1/2
Syntex	24 1/2
Tandy	27 1/2
Texas Gas Trans	47 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	29 1/2
Texas Instruments	34 1/2
Timex	52 1/2
U.S. Steel	21 1/2
Western Union	20 1/2
Westinghouse	17 1/2
White Motor	7 1/2
Xerox	58 1/2
Zales	16 1/2

World

DeSoto painter heads UAW?

DETROIT (AP) — Douglas A. Fraser, a Scottish immigrant who started out as a metal finisher in a DeSoto plant, has emerged as the likely next president of the 1.4-million member United Auto Workers union. Fraser, a 60-year-old UAW vice president, appeared earlier to succeed retiring President Leonard Woodcock after two potential rivals gave Fraser their support Monday.

Unions for military?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford is setting the stage for one more battle with Congress in his last 16 days in office as he moves to lift federal price controls on gasoline. The President was to announce his proposal today as the new 95th Congress opened. Congress then will have 15 days in which to veto Ford's proposal. If Congress does not act, the lid will be off gas prices on Jan. 19, the day before Ford leaves office.

One more battle for Ford

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon lawyers can't agree among themselves on whether servicemen and servicewomen can be barred from joining labor unions. But there is general agreement among the lawyers that the Pentagon has the power to prohibit negotiations between labor unions and the defense establishment on military pay, working conditions or anything else.

No action on statehood?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early congressional action on President Ford's proposal to make Puerto Rico the 51st state is unlikely because of opposition from congressional leaders and the possibility Ford's term in office may run out before he can submit the legislation. Leaders of the two congressional panels with jurisdiction over legislation affecting Puerto Rico say they have no intention of holding committee hearings on Ford's proposal.

Israeli official kills self

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — With a national election only five months away, the suicide of Housing Minister Avraham Ofer after accusations of embezzlement has hit Israel's ruling Labor party with its fifth corruption scandal in two years. Ofer, 54, shot himself with a pistol Monday in his car near his Tel Aviv home. He left a note denying accusations by the weekly newspaper Haolam Hazeh that he profited illegally from government real estate purchases while he headed a government construction company.

Deaths

Tommy Shands

SNYDER — Tommy Lee Shands Sr., 30, of Snyder, was killed Monday in an accident in the pipeyard at SACROC Repression unit near here.

Shands and a second man were unloading pipe for Mussle White Trucking Company when the accident occurred. Shands was fatally injured when struck by falling pipe.

Services are pending for Shands at Vale-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Justice of the Peace Bobby Goodwin ruled Shands dead at the scene of the accident at 3:30 p.m. Monday.

Shands was born Sept. 24, 1946 in Benton-Harbor, Mich. He married Patricia Kay Land Dec. 21, 1967 in Snyder. She survives as do two children, Jennifer Ray and Tommy Lee Jr. of the home.

Other survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Shands, Mt. Morris, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. Sandra Parker and one brother, Harold Lee Shands, all of Mt. Morris.

Coffee boycott spreading

A coffee boycott begun in New York City has spread to Ohio, Massachusetts and upstate New York, with supermarket chains urging consumers not to buy and providing discounts for substitutes — or for coffee.

An Ohio supermarket chain, Liberal Markets Inc. with 40 stores in Dayton and Cincinnati, continued selling coffee at \$2.59 per pound, but launched a newspaper and billboard advertising campaign Monday urging shoppers not to buy.

Shopwell Inc. in New York City is running ads in which the company president says, "The money you and I are being asked to pay for coffee is outrageous." The newspaper ads include 20-cent coupons for tea, cocoa or hot chocolate.

Advertisements for Boston's Stop-and-Shop Co. Inc. also included coupons — for coffee. The ads urged customers to find a substitute, but added, "If you must buy coffee, buy it only when it's on sale," and offered 70 cents off on a two-pound can.

In Syracuse, N.Y., on Monday, the Consumer Affairs Office announced that five major chains representing 33 area supermarkets had agreed to join the campaign.

The boycott began last week when New York City's Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, Elinor Guggenheimer, said that a 50 per cent cut in national coffee consumption would reduce prices. She said she was abstaining from her usual 14 cups a day.

Retail coffee prices around the country range up to \$3, roughly twice the price of two years ago. Current wholesale prices are also at about \$3, which means the retail price is still going up.

New DA faces hefty backlog of cases

New District Attorney Rick Hamby faces a backlog of 300 criminal cases as he assumes office today. Hamby, who was sworn in Monday, has set two trial dates and a grand jury hearing for January to make a beginning on the mass of cases awaiting trial.

Hamby announced that Don Richard would help him with the work as Special Investigator for the D.A.'s office.

Richard is a San Antonio attorney with two and a half years experience in criminal law. He will arrive in Big Spring this week to take up his duties in his first connection with a District Attorney's office.

Hamby said he expected Richard's legal experience to be invaluable in screening and preparing cases for trial.

Set for trial Jan. 24 is Antonio Perez. Perez faces charges of delivery of controlled substances including two counts of amphetamines and one of cocaine.

Robert Mendoza is set to come to trial Jan. 26 for sale of narcotics.

Hamby said he intended to try Ronald Jason Caldwell for murder in February.

A Stanton grand jury is expected to be called late in January and a Big Spring grand jury in late February.

\$5,000 bail posted

The man arrested in connection with the Sunday night incident at the gates of Webb AFB has been released on \$5,000 bond set by Municipal Judge John Coffee. The man has not yet been charged.

No evidence foul play

Justice of the Peace Bob West ruled that Jerry Hutson died of natural causes. West explained that he is still waiting for a complete chemical analysis from the state, but that there is no evidence of foul play.

Hutson's partially degenerated body was found by Big Spring police Dec. 31, 1976, at least four days after his death. The mutilation was the work of his small dog which had been locked in the building with him.

West said he would make the chemical results which ought to pinpoint the cause of death available as they were received.

Collective bargaining decision

AUSTIN, Tex. — Law excludes me from bargaining, Atty. Hill said today.

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Ford stuns many Puerto Ricans

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — "Is it a joke, or is it true?" telephone callers demanded of San Juan newspapers after President Ford announced he would propose legislation to make Puerto Rico the 51st state. Samuel del Valle heard the news on a broadcast shortly after 2 p.m. last Friday and nearly lost control of his car. Rene Quinones fell off his chair in a restaurant. The Puerto Rican version of April Fools' Day is Dec. 28, the Day of the Innocents, and one way cracked, "In his usual slow way, Ford missed it by three days."

More than half of those questioned by the San Juan Star newspaper refused to give an opinion. Of those who did, most disapproved of the way Ford handled the matter. The only political talk on the beaches was about President-elect Carter, and there wasn't much of that. The major concern was the sun and which combination of oils and lotions produced the best tan. Governor-elect Carlos Romero Barcelo, a strong advocate of statehood who was inaugurated the next day, said he did not learn of Ford's plans until a telephone call a few minutes before the public announcement. He said the call came from presidential aide James Cannon, who told him he had been trying to get him all

aid. Puerto Ricans cannot vote in presidential elections but have most other rights and obligations of U.S. citizens. "I was surprised to say the least," Romero said. "This was an inauguration present from Ford to Romero," said one high-ranking foe of statehood who wants Puerto Rico's present commonwealth status to continue. "They are good friends and Ford has nothing to lose. He's planted the seeds. Romero might not have known it was coming New Year's Eve, but he knew it was coming." The only referendum on the issue ever taken was in 1967, when 60 per cent of those voting favored commonwealth status and 39 per cent statehood. As a commonwealth, Puerto Rico has more autonomy than a state. Puerto Ricans pay no income taxes but the island gets a large share of federal



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Farm Grain dealer 'missing'

IOWA PARK, Tex. (AP) — About 40 North Texas wheat farmers say they are concerned about their grain stored by an Iowa Park grain dealer who reportedly fell overboard from a cabin cruiser in the Gulf of Mexico early Monday. U.S. Coast Guard officials at Port Aransas said a three-hour air and ground search failed to turn up any trace of Robert Johnson, 43, of Iowa Park. Farmers who gathered at Johnson's grain office here Monday said they were worried because the office had been closed for several weeks and a note on the door said it would be closed until Jan. 6. Herbert Cast, chief of storage contracts division of the Prairie Valley, Kan.,

ASCS commodity office said the U.S. Agriculture Department had revoked approval for Geronimo Elevator, an Iowa Park firm managed by Johnson's brother, H.C. Johnson, because an inspection revealed the wheat stored there was of a lower quality than that indicated by warehouse receipts. H.C. Johnson could not be reached for comment. A spokesman at the Wichita County county agent's office said he did not know any of the farmers. The manager of a feed store said he also didn't know any

of the farmers and refused comment. Johnson reportedly fell from the cabin cruiser Honey Beau just inside the Port Aransas jetties about 1:15 a.m. Monday. Search parties were pessimistic about Johnson's chances for survival in the 36-degree waters. Cast said he had told officials of the elevator firm last November that the quality of the wheat in storage would not meet the obligations for No. 2 hard winter wheat shown on outstanding warehouse receipts.

Energy Oil controls ammo ready

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal energy official said Monday that a soon-to-be released report on federal controls is likely to provide ammunition for both sides in the debate over whether or not to deregulate the price of gasoline. Randall W. Hardy, a staff aide at the Federal Energy Administration, said the report — due to be released this week — is likely to be cited by both those who favor and — oppose — lifting the gasoline controls. "Philosophically, the report favors decontrol," Hardy said. "But it will also be cited by those who see the need for more FEA efficiency." The task force reported that the FEA's current regulations would be inadequate in the event of another oil embargo. It warned, "though the current regulations are totally unsuitable to managing a future shortage, their existence may lull the American public into a false belief that a program now exists for management of possible energy crises."

The report was prepared by a 21-member task force with members drawn from various federal agencies. It was headed by Paul MacAvoy, an economist, and Donald Flexner of the Justice Department. Hardy said the FEA intends to release the report even though "we don't agree with all its conclusions." He added, "it will be a useful addition to the debate over energy policy." President Ford is scheduled to formally ask the new Congress, which convenes Tuesday, to eliminate controls on gasoline prices. Congress then will have 15 days in which to veto Ford's proposal. If Congress does not act, the lid will be off gas prices on Jan. 19, the day before Ford leaves office. Gasoline is the last major oil product remaining under price control at the retail level. The ceilings were imposed in 1973 when petroleum shortages following the Arab oil boycott caused prices to rise.

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Weather Winds gust up to 40 at El Paso

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Livestock prices Tuesday. Cattle and calves 650. Slaughter cows weak to 50 lower. Slaughter butts steady. Slaughter calves fully 1.00 higher. Feeder steers and steer calves 50 lower. Feeder heifers and heifer calves 50-100 lower with bulk of supply going for slaughter. Demand moderate, trading active. Slaughter cows utility 1.3 22.50 25.40, cutter 20.40 24.50. Slaughter butts: 7 1900 1500 lbs 30.00 34.50, 1 900 1200 lbs 26.00 30.25. Slaughter calves: good and choice 200-400 lbs 27.00 30.00, grain fed 30.00 32.75. Feeder steers: Choice 250 500 lbs 34.00 36.25, good 300 275 lbs 23.00 25.50. Feeder heifers: good and choice 250 500 lbs 25.25 28.00. Hogs 300. Barrows and gilts steady: 17 200 240 lbs 37.00 37.50, 13 200 250 lbs 36.00 37.00, 7 3 200 270 lbs 35.00 36.00. Sows steady: 1 3 300 400 lbs 27.00 28.00. Boars: 300-400 lbs 17.00, 160 270 lbs 25.00.

Stiff and gusty winds drove a fresh cold front through the Texas Panhandle today, and it was expected to finish sweeping all the way to the coast tonight, kicking up dust here and there along the way. At the same time fog and drizzle plagued the eastern half of the state, making travel hazardous in some areas. Visibility dropped to zero between Cotulla and Del Rio in the south before dawn. Snow flurries were expected along with diminishing winds in the north part of West Texas this evening. Aside from a few showers in South Texas, forecasts promised no other moisture. Winds behind the strong frontal system gusted up to 45 miles per hour at Amarillo in the Panhandle and 40 m.p.h. at El Paso in far West Texas. Temperatures near dawn we relatively mild for this time of year, ranging from 28 degrees at Childress in the Panhandle up to 52 at McAllen in the extreme south. Top marks Monday reached up to 71 at Presidio in the Big Bend of West Texas. Overnight readings as low as 18 were promised in the Panhandle, down to 30 in North Texas and down to the lower 40s in South Texas.

WEST TEXAS. Very cold Thursday with a slight moderating trend into Saturday. Dry. Highs Thursday near 30 Panhandle to 40s south and west with highs by Saturday into the 40s and 50s. Lows near 5 above Panhandle Thursday, to 20s extreme south with lows into the teens and 20s by Saturday.

TEMPERATURES

CITY	MIN	MAX
BIG SPRING	48	32
Amarillo	58	39
Chicago	25	15
Denver	43	22
Detroit	25	17
Fort Worth	36	34
Houston	47	42
Los Angeles	64	44
Miami	79	55
New Orleans	43	42
Richmond	33	28
St. Louis	29	27
San Francisco	56	47
Seattle	38	32
Washington, D.C.	33	30

Sun sets today at 5:55 p.m. Sun rises Tuesday at 7:48 a.m. Highest temperature this date 79 in 1956. Lowest 0 in 1947. Most precipitation 74 in 1958.

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Revised budget action shapes

AUSTIN — The six-member Texas Commission on Alcoholism will convene at 10 a.m. Friday in a regular meeting, according to Clinton Kersey, executive director of the Commission. The meeting will be held in Room 510 of the Sam Houston State Office Building in Austin. The agenda calls for approval of a revised budget; review of legislation concerning alcoholism and

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GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Harte-Hanks Newspapers, Inc., completed the purchase of WFMY-TV in Greensboro Monday. Officers said the \$19 million purchase price was financed with \$9 million in cash and the rest in bank borrowings. Harte-Hanks owns 25 daily newspapers, 44 weekly publications and other VHF television stations in San Antonio, Tex., and Jacksonville, Fla. WFMY-TV is an affiliate of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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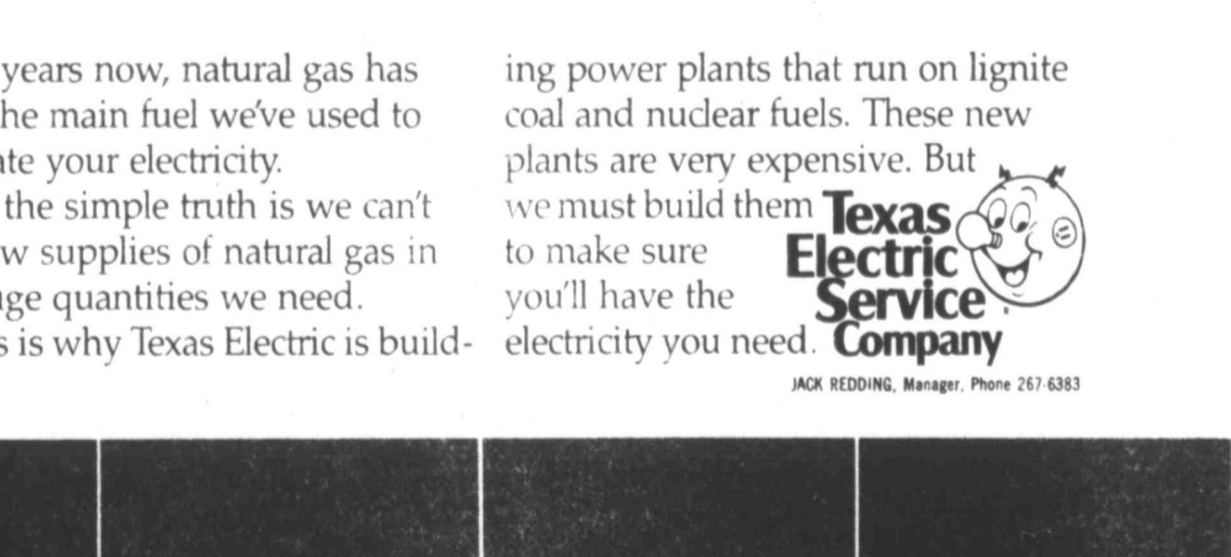
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Publisher's corner

Bases can be compared on one point

Everyone in the Air Force who has been concerned with the comparison of Air Training Command bases for possible closure has agreed on one, and only one, point:

Weather is the most significant factor in choosing a good pilot training base.

SINCE THIS IS true, it was hard to see why Webb Air Force Base would have been picked a candidate for closure while a much worse weather base, Columbus AFB (Mississippi), would not be.

Given the great significance of weather conditions to the pilot training program, I was surprised to see how casually raw weather data was treated in the Air Force's draft environmental impact statement on Webb, The Air Force, which has more weather data than probably anyone in the world, included only a little of it in the draft statement and made few parallel comparisons.

The statement treated weather comparisons mainly in terms of sorties canceled because of weather. This, it said, was a 10-year history of flying missions lost which blamed weather for the reason.

In this important category, Webb tied for best of the six bases being studied. It broke down like this:

Base	Per Cent Weather Loss
Webb	22
Laughlin	22
Reese	23
Vance	23
Columbus	29
Craig	31

I suppose that this is the most reliable way the Air Force has of considering the weather factor, but several of us in Big Spring wondered if it did not tend to understate the difference between a good flying weather base like Webb and a bad one like Columbus.

WHETHER A scheduled sortie cancels or not for weather is often a command decision with many shades of gray. On a bad weather base where classes might have a tendency to fall behind, the commander might fly in weather that would be grounds for cancelling at Webb. Also, Air Force planning tends to compensate for bad weather.

So I have tried to get climatological data comparing the bases from the National Weather Service. Unfortunately, I was unable to receive the data before the end of the short public comment period, but it is interesting anyway. I did receive data for five of the six bases being studied (Laughlin was the missing one).

Rainy days, of course, would be the

major ones on which flying training missions would have to be canceled. Here is how the bases compared on number of days of rain, or days when the precipitation was greater than .1 inch:

Base	Number Rainy days	Per Cent Rainy days
Reese	29.0	7.95
Webb	31.4	8.60
Enid	47.3	12.96
Columbus	70.0	19.2
Craig	82.5	22.6

Notice that Columbus has more than twice the number of days when significant rain falls than does Webb.

ANOTHER CATEGORY which affects flying is the ceiling and the visibility. What does it show for the base when the per cent of weather observations are measured in which the ceiling was less than 3 miles, or roughly a time when instrument flying rules rather than visual flying rules would be required. Here are the averaged percentages:

Base	Per cent
Webb	7.81
Reese	8.74
Enid	9.85
Craig	10.34
Columbus	11.28

But the interesting thing is not just the average, but the important early morning (just before 8 a.m. local

standard time) reading of ceiling less than 1,500 feet and visibility of less than 3 miles:

Base	Per cent, 8 a.m.
Webb	12.1
Reese	12.7
Enid	13.0
Columbus	19.0
Craig	20.1

There are many other comparisons available, but it is not a contested fact that Webb has the best flying weather of the bases being studied, along with Laughlin. The only question is how much better.

FROM THE National Weather Service's figures made from thousands of observations over a 12-year period, it would seem that Webb would be even more in front than the draft impact statement indicated.

Indeed, Air Force officials in Big Spring for the public hearing said that this data had been recalculated and the Webb per cent of sorties canceled lowered slightly for the final impact statement. They said that the relative ranks of the various bases had not significantly changed.

Since the Air Force says that weather is the single most important factor for a pilot training base, I would hope that it would not consider this point lightly when putting priorities on the bases.

Webb is best: Columbus near the worst. The priorities should reflect this reality.

—J. TOM GRAHAM



Carter syndrome

Art Buchwald

WASHINGTON — Leroy Simpkin entered the psychiatrist's office and went directly to the couch.

"What seems to be the trouble?" Dr. Heinrich Applebaum asked.

"I just discovered I have a low Jimmy Carter Threshold," Simpkin said nervously.

"Could you explain exactly what you mean?"

"HE ISN'T even in the White House yet and I can't stand reading about him any more. I don't know how I'm going to get through the next four years."

Dr. Applebaum started to take notes. "When did you discover you had a low Carter Threshold?"

"I saw him on the cover of Time last week as 'Man of the Year' and I decided not to buy the magazine."

"I don't think that's too peculiar," Dr. Applebaum said. "There have been many weeks I haven't bought Time magazine."

"It isn't just Time magazine, Doctor. I can't stand reading about Carter in Newsweek either — or in the newspapers. I'm sick and tired of seeing him on television. I've never admitted this to anyone, Doctor, but I'd rather read about an oil spill in Delaware than Jimmy Carter in Sea Island, Ga."

"Why do you think you feel this way?"

Simpkin stared at the ceiling. "I believe I know everything I want to know about Jimmy Carter. I know about his family, I know about the public school his kid is going to, I know about his brother Billy, I know about his mother Lillian, I know what Rosalynn eats for breakfast and what Amy eats for lunch."

"I KNOW WHAT Carter thinks of God, and what God thinks of Carter. I know what's in his heart. I know about his finances. I know where he stands on the issues. I know everything about his peanut business. I can't take it any more. I've had it up to here."

"You seem overwrought with Carter stories," Dr. Applebaum said, "but this is quite normal. The press has nothing to write about until January 20th and they're giving everyone large doses of Carter. But it won't last forever. After the swearing-in you may find your Carter Threshold is higher than you thought and you'll start wanting to read about him again."

"I wish it was true, Doctor, but it's hard to believe. Do you know if I have the choice of reading about Carter or Richard Nixon, I read about Nixon?"

"That's very interesting."

"What's even worse is that I'll read a story about Mayor Beame before I'll read one about Carter."

Applebaum whistled. "Beame before Carter!"



Lord, I'm 'fraid we've got a heap o' doin' 't get this 'un born again!"



Fasting no-no for heart victims

Dr. G. C. Thosteson

Dear Dr. Thosteson: Is fasting dangerous for the heart patient? In what way does it affect you physically? Does the blood chemistry change? Some books I've read claim it is a cure-all, and gives better results than medical treatment. If it is so good, why isn't everyone doing it? — T.J.M.

You and I must be reading different medical books.

Much depends on what you mean by "fasting" or what the reason for fasting is — for weight reduction or for lowering cholesterol? Nothing wrong with that, if necessary.

But fasting can be dangerous. It depends on what food essentials are being restricted and for how long. Yes, chemical changes can certainly occur. The body has often been described as a "chemical furnace."

Changing or altering the kinds and amounts of "fuel" can have predictable results.

The blood sugar may drop, and both the brain and the heart depend much upon that. Fasting can cause what is called "acidosis." In this the carbohydrates and protein reserves may be drained, causing muscle wasting and weakness. Uric acid can ac-

cumulate in the tissue and cause gout. Mineral and vitamin needs can be inadequate.

No, fasting is not a cure-all, particularly for "heart patients", and by that I assume you mean by persons who I have had coronary attacks. The reason "everyone isn't fasting" should be obvious. The idea just isn't what it is cracked up to be. In fact, folks who fast or go in for crackpot diets that restrict specific nutrients (as carbohydrates) to excess may have to pay a "chemical bill" later.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: I have osteoarthritis, particularly in the knees. My mobility is limited to some extent due to poor flexibility. I have considered purchasing an exercise bicycle to keep the joints loose, but I don't know if this would be harmful in the long run. What exercise would be useful? — Mr. W. L. M.

There is a thickening of bone ends and a thinning of cartilage with osteoarthritis and this is what tends to limit joint movement. Muscle spasm can also be a factor.

You would be better off relying on walking and gently flexing the knees frequently within the limits of pain. The bicycle can come later if the knees limber up. Hot wet compresses on the knees should help make movement easier. My booklet on arthritis control may give you hints. If you'd like a copy, send 35 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me in care of the Big Spring Herald.

Dear Dr. Thosteson: F.A.F. complained to you of having swollen eyelids every morning. She may well find out that her trouble is her hair spray. I know! It happened to me before my allergy doctor tipped me off. Especially perfumed hair spray. — N.C.

Thanks. I presume you mean dried-on spray the eyes come into contact with overnight while sleeping.

What are ulcers? How can you help yourself get rid of ulcers and stay rid of them? Read Dr. Thosteson's booklet, "How to Heal Peptic Ulcers."

For a copy write to him in care of the Big Spring Herald, enclosing a long,

self-addressed, stamped envelope and 25 cents.



My answer

Billy Graham

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I am a Christian and have been going with a girl for almost three years. We had plans for marriage but she has now decided to break up our relationship. I realize that I must continue to live my life for the Lord, but the problem is that I still love her. I am praying that the Lord will either take this love away or enable us to come together again. What is your advice? — G.M.

DEAR G. M.: As a Christian you know that your life is in God's hands. You must realize, therefore, that nothing can happen in your life unless God permits it to take place. God may not be the direct cause of everything that happens to you, but He always permits it. The things that God allows, He will bring good out of them, for which you will benefit.

Realizing this, you should not try to change what has happened. Rather you should see God's hand in this event — even though you may not understand the reason for it — and you should give thanks. This is not an easy thing to do, but it is a great step of faith and of submission of your will to God's will. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). This is a great principle which every Christian should seek to follow.

This is the pattern for Christian living, and once you have disciplined yourself to it, you will find it is the road to peace of mind and happiness. Even that love you still feel can be used by God to teach you something that God feels you need to know. Let God use it for His purpose.



A silver lining

Around the rim

Troy Bryant

That 210-mile oil slick caused by over seven million gallons of heavy oil off Nantucket is tragic. There's no other word for it.

But in every cloud . . .

The silver lining in that cloud is that those people who live in areas that are not oil-producing, can finally look at what oil costs. Not only in money, but in lives, environment, and in other ways not affecting their pocketbooks directly.

FOR TOO LONG they have thought that all there was to oil was driving up to the pump and saying the yankee equivalent of "fill'er up."

I've seen men give their lives working on drilling rigs and have heard of many more.

And I've seen oil running across wheat fields, ruining the crop and the land.

And families have been killed by poisonous gas used in oil recovery.

Explosions and fires in tank batteries, refineries, pipelines, and tankers have killed many more.

SOMETIMES I WONDER if Texas should join the OPEC nations — or at least threaten to — to make those people realize that Texans are tired of doing more than their share to bely another energy crisis.

Right now, natural gas produced in Texas and sold across state lines are sold for a fraction of the price of the same gas sold to customers here in Texas. Why? Because the federal government regulates interstate natural gas prices.

In effect, the gas comes from our state, the oil wells mess up our scenery, stink up our air and then we as customers pay more than out of slaters do.

I guess I'm what some people call an "environmentalist." They call me that with the same expression on their face they have when they call someone a communist.

I do believe in preserving our natural wilderness and in leaving wild animals alone in their natural habitat, but I can't buy the excuse that the environment is the reason that a supertanker port can't be built off the coast of New England.

Is their coast any more precious than the Texas coast?

I'M AFRAID THAT if the Argo Merchant had run aground Padre Island and spilled its oil in the Gulf of Mexico fishing waters, the national news shows wouldn't think it network news. But we all know what happens when it gets close to their sacred stomping grounds.

What can we do about it? Not much, I'm afraid, that's practical.

But how about putting a jump jack at Nantucket; How about a tank battery in Central Park; a sour gas pipeline running under Wall Street; How about putting Barbara Wawa to work as a roughneck; How about driving 70 miles an hour, levying a tariff on oil to improve our highways and telling Congress and Mr. Nixon where to put their Federal Highway Funds blackmail.



Firms dodge IRS

Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service is secretly investigating 50 of the nation's largest corporations for tax evasion. But many more companies, according to IRS sources, have escaped paying their fair share of taxes.

IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander told us that his agency was looking into serious criminal charges against 50 major corporations. Among them, we have learned, are such giant firms as General Tire and Rubber, Gulf Oil, McDonnell Douglas, Phillips Petroleum, Revlon, Schlitz Brewing and the 3M Company.

EVIDENCE OF fraudulent activities by these corporations was uncovered, Alexander said, by his "large case audit program." Under this program, the IRS automatically audits the nation's 1,230 corporations which have assets of more than \$250 million each.

Our IRS sources contend, however, that the tax agency should be catching even more corporate tax evaders. One source estimated there could be 200, maybe more, additional corporations filing phony tax returns.

In fact, the IRS auditors may not deserve all the credit for catching the 50 corporations under investigation. In one case involving the Fruehauf Trailer Company, according to Rep. Charles Vanik, D-Ohio, it wasn't the auditors but a confidential informant who supplied the information leading to the indictment of company officials on tax fraud charges.

Vanik heads the House Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee, which keeps a sharp eye on the IRS. He fired off a private letter to Alexander, therefore, asking how each case of corporate fraud was uncovered.

The commissioner ignored the letter, which was dated September 21. So on December 13, Vanik followed up with another letter. There still has been no reply. We have learned that

the IRS, meanwhile, tried to get a ruling from the Justice Dept., forbidding the release of the information that Vanik requested.

SOME OF the nation's most prominent and prestigious corporations have resorted to shabby, if ingenious, schemes to evade taxes. Of course, the taxes they escaped paying had to be made up by the honest taxpayers. Here are just a few of the tax evasion schemes, with the names omitted in order not to jeopardize the investigation:

—One large corporation paid \$2.5 million to a public relations firm, which was used solely for political lobbying under the direction of corporate officers. The corporation wrote off the money as a bad debt.

—Another big firm bribed state officials and then deducted the bribes as salesmen's expenses.

—A multinational corporation deducted the expenses of a foreign subsidiary from its U.S. tax return, thereby illegally decreasing the amount of taxes it paid.

—Still another corporation used a public relations outfit to distribute political payoffs, which would have been illegal if the firm had made the contributions directly. The company then compounded the offense by deducting the payments as business expenses.

Alexander told us the IRS is cracking down on the big corporations. He has ordered his auditors to ask 11 questions of corporate executives, questions that are calculated to expose bribery, kickbacks and secret foreign bank accounts. If the executives give false answers, they would be subject to criminal prosecution.

Yet the IRS intelligence agents confided to us that the crackdown has been less effective than it should be. They contended that Alexander is relying on auditors who are well intentioned but lack the investigatory skills of the intelligence agents.



LIZ SMITH

What They Say Carter Will Say and Do

THE BASIS OF POLITICS IS COMPROMISE said Gustav Freytag, so let's start the New Year right off with a cynical little look at the realities. Any Establishment source will deny the following item—that's what Establishment sources are for.

The defense maven James Schlesinger has been quoted as saying off-the-record to friends that Jimmy Carter fully expects upheaval in the United Nations in the next six months. Andy Young, due to be our next UN ambassador, is the black congressman from Georgia who shored up black liberal support for Carter and defended him on his "ethnic purity" statement, and he is going to object to Carter's administrative policy. Carter has reportedly said, "I know he's going to object. He'll want to resign. And I'll let him resign!"

DENIAL IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS. After all, it's the experience the gossip columnist encounters most often.

Now comes Bea Felder, one of the most talented magazine and book designers alive. You've been dazzled by Bea's work on *Ma*, *magazine*, "Cole," "Cheap Chic," C-Z Guest's "First Garden," and Helmut Newton's sizzling new photo book "White Women." So Bea, the Brazilian bombshell, gives an interview to *WWD* in which she says: "I don't sit around just going to parties and pushing my name by kissing people over lunch at La Grenouille. It would help, but I don't have the time. What

she is my work." Right on, Bea. I agree that your work is incredible. Nevertheless, Bea baby, the last two times I've seen you were (1) at a party in the Hamptons (2) kissing someone over lunch at La Grenouille.

I love it.

WHEN THE TWAIN MET: One of the events of 1976 was the meeting for the very first time of Elizabeth Taylor and Jacqueline Onassis during the entire act of "The Merry Widow" ballet. Didn't you wonder what deathless things were murmured between these two famous femmes of fantasy over the champagne? Well, ducks, absolutely nothing but the most banal pleasantries passed and those in Ms. Taylor's party opined later that Jackie O. seemed to be a crashing bore. One gent tried to make a funny with Jackie by saying slyly, "I didn't get your name!" He received no response. On the other hand, Jackie's party wasn't particularly impressed with the cinema queen either.

Now I think that did happen, which no one bothered to leak to us slathering fiends here in the streets, is that Liz's gown popped open at the bosom during this famous intermission and she was shouting, "Somebody get me a safety pin" until somebody did. When the star was in Washington for "The Blue Bird" premiere, the ver-

same thing happened. Halston has just got to get our Liz into Velero fastenings in 1977 or else one of these day's she'll be somewhere where there isn't a safety pin. Then what?

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First Lady offers view on amnesty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Betty Ford said Sunday night that she does not favor blanket amnesty for Vietnam War draft evaders and deserters, but she has not advised her husband about what to do on the issue.

President Ford has indicated he might have some decision this coming week on his promise to reconsider the question of a blanket amnesty. The promise was made to the widow of Sen. Philip Hart, D.-Mich.

Mrs. Ford said she has given no advice to the President because she is not well enough acquainted with the legalities in the issue.

"I thought that the arrangement that was made was very good," she said of her husband's program, set up in 1974, "where any of those deserters or draft evaders were perfectly welcomed back if they would work for a couple of years in public works or hospitals or that sort of thing. I feel that those mothers that lost their sons in the war would feel very upset over the fact that these people just took off."

Mrs. Ford gave her views in an interview as she and the President were flying home from Vail, Colo., after a two-week vacation.

When a reporter said it

sounded like she was against blanket amnesty, she said, "That is the way it sounds." "Is that right?" she was asked. "I guess so," she said.

President-elect Carter has promised he will issue a blanket pardon to all draft resisters and would consider pardons for deserters on a case-by-case basis. Ford has opposed a blanket amnesty.

Reporters also asked Mrs. Ford what she meant when she said last week, "Thank goodness the President didn't win."

"Well . . . I didn't see how he possibly could win. And I thought he got a tremendous percentage of the vote and I am just very happy to have a well, happy husband to spend a few years enjoying life together," Mrs. Ford responded.

"Of course, I wanted him to win because he wanted to win. I would have been very happy had he won, but I wasn't completely distraught over the outcome of the election."

Mrs. Ford did not elaborate further on her husband's defeat.

She said of the White House years that she appreciated the opportunity to live in the White House and of being First Lady.

"I enjoyed it," she said.

Mrs. Ford was suffering from laryngitis contracted during the two-week visit to the snowy Rocky Mountain resort. She said she expected to be "working like hell" to get everything packed and ready for the Fords' departure from the White House Jan. 20.

Asked what she would miss most, she said: "I imagine I'll miss the convenience." She said it was "very easy to get used to it," particularly referring to the use of the presidential jet plane.

Asked what the presidency did to the Ford family, she said she had gotten "perhaps greater appreciation for the duties and stress of any president."

She said she did not have any advice for the incoming First Lady Rosalynn Carter. "I think she has to handle it her own way," she said. "I think she has to handle it her own way and with her own personality."

"The White House as an institution just keeps on going," Mrs. Ford said. "The White House belongs to the people — not the people who live in it but the people of the country."



MRS. WADE HURST

125 attend reception at church

Randy Bloodworth of Borger was among the out-of-town guests attending the 50th wedding anniversary reception Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Moren.

One hundred twenty-five guests were registered at the affair which was held in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Moren, who were married Jan. 2, 1927 in Fort Worth, came to Big Spring in 1949. They reside at 1301 Eleventh Place.

Daughter born here Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pierce, 1603 Main, announce the birth of a daughter, Jennie Rebecca, Dec. 31 at Medical Arts Hospital, weighing six pounds, fourteen ounces.

The couple has one other child, a son, Joseph Wayne, 3.

The mother is the former Becky Reed, daughter of Mrs. Marguerite Reed, Abilene, and the late James Reed. The infant's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. V.E. Pierce of Monahans.

Season begins with luncheon

The Sew and Chatter Club began the current season with a New Year's luncheon at the Spanish Inn.

The 12 members attending later reconvened at the home of Mrs. S.R. Nobles, 405 Washington Blvd., for refreshments and a social hour.

The next meeting of the club will be January 12 with Mrs. M.A. Cook as hostess.



Pills Might Kill More Than Her Pain

DEAR ABBY: My mother always has something the matter with her. It's either a "splitting headache," "dizzy spells" or eating something that didn't "agree" with her.

She eats "pain-killers" like you wouldn't believe. If the directions say to take two, she takes four. She buys every kind she can get without a prescription. I've tried to tell her this is dangerous, but she won't listen to me.

She reads your column faithfully and thinks you know everything, so maybe you can straighten her out.

I'm not exaggerating, and I'm not a child. I'm a 30-year-old married woman who loves her mother and is worried sick about her.

WITHHOLD MY NAME

DEAR WITHHOLD: Tell your mother that Abby said a "pain" is Nature's signal that something is wrong. And to kill the pain and ignore the warning instead of seeing a physician is not only foolish, it could be fatal.

DEAR ABBY: I was invited to someone's home for dinner, and when I arrived, the stereo was blaring loudly. All during dinner and even afterward when we were talking, the stereo was turned up so high I could scarcely hear anything else, and I had to practically shout to be heard.

Needless to say, I didn't enjoy the evening. In fact, when I left I had a headache.

Don't people realize how rude it is to have a stereo turned on so loud that it's impossible to carry on a normal conversation? I hope you print this.

PAT FROM PARKLAND

DEAR PAT: I'll print it for those who aren't aware that loud stereo music is often more irritating than entertaining, plus those who timidly tolerate it rather than ask their host (or hostess) to please turn it down—a reasonable request.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a grown man who cheats at cards, and when confronted, throws the cards up in the air, runs to his room and broods for the rest of the evening?

Abby, this man has a Ph. D. in nuclear physics and holds a \$40,000 a year job.

We have been playing bridge regularly for over three years. This past weekend when I caught him cheating, I confronted him and asked for a re-deal. He literally threw a tantrum. We're not speaking now as a result of all this.

Should I have kept my mouth shut, or was I justified in letting him know I was on his sleight of hand trick?

NAMELESS, PLEASE

DEAR NAMELESS: You should not have kept your mouth shut. But had you waited to tell him privately instead of humiliating him before the others, you could have avoided an ugly scene.

For Abby's new booklet, "What Teen-agers Want to Know," send \$1 to Abigail Van Buren, 132 Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212. Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (24¢) envelope.

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'Miss Lillian' out of hospital

AMERICUS, Ga. (AP) — President-elect Carter's 78-year-old mother has been released from the Americus-Sumter County Hospital after treatment for muscle spasms in her legs.

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Bit like meeting famous pop star

TORONTO (AP) — Meeting Prince Andrew, second in line to the British throne, was "sort of like meeting a famous pop star," says Kirsten Jones, 16, who was in the crowd that greeted his plane here.

Andrew, also 16, arrived here Monday night to spend six months at the private Lakefield College School near Peterborough, Ont.

"I was so nervous," said Miss Jones. "He asked me if the weather got colder and if he would need more clothes. It was really exciting."

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The ceremony, held at noon on Christmas Day, was performed before an improvised altar of holly, pine and white poinsettias in the living room of the Harrell home, Tara-Loch, on Lakeshore Drive officiating for the nuptial rites was Dr. R. Gage Lloyd of Big Spring, grandfather of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted the traditional Christmas dinner for wedding guests, all members of the immediate family.

British babies die needlessly

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of babies die needlessly in Britain every year because medical services have not learned to cope with such changing family concepts as single parents and working mothers.

In the first month of life, the death rate among the children of unskilled workers is twice that among the children of professional classes, and the gap has widened steadily in the last 25 years, the report said.

In every 1,000 births in England and Wales, the report said, 11 children are stillborn, 11 die in the first four weeks, and 16 fail to reach their first birthday.

The report, titled "Fit for the Future," said that Sweden, France, Japan and Finland are among the countries with lower infant mortality rates than Britain.

One child in four is reared in a home that is overcrowded or without basic amenities, the report said. It added that society does not seem to have adjusted to being "industrial, urban, multiracial" and subject to "continual change."

The report claims the state-run National Health Service and society in general have failed to meet the modern challenges of single parents and working mothers.

After taking testimony for three years, the Committee on Child Health said that more children die in the first year of life than in the succeeding 24 years.

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Noted jazz pianist dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jazz pianist Erroll Louis Garner, who performed at Carnegie Hall and won international acclaim though he never learned to read music, has died of a heart attack at 53.

Garner, who died Sunday en route to Cedars Sinai Medical Center here, had been seriously ill with emphysema for several years and had been discharged from the hospital near his home just last Wednesday.

His body was to be flown to his native Pittsburgh for burial.

His best-known composition was "Misty," which he recorded in 1956. With words added later by Johnny Burke, the song became a hit for singers Johnny Mathis and Sara Vaughan and was featured in the Clint Eastwood film, "Play Misty for Me."

Garner also wrote such hits as "Dreamy," "Gaslight," "Solitaire" and "That's My Kick." His most famous album was "Concerts by the Sea."

Born in 1923, Garner began playing the piano at age 3 when he simply stood and reached up to the keys.

National park bids invited

Contractors interested in bidding on a project to construct an entrance road and parking area at Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Culberson County, Tex. are asked to write the Property and Procurement Office, Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks at 3225 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, N.M. 88220 or call that office at (505) 885-8884.

Copies of plans, specifications and bidding documents are now available at that office.

The project set aside for small business concerns, call for construction of embankments for an entrance road and parking area at the mouth of McKittrick Canyon, four cattle underpasses, stone headwalls, fencing and cattle guards.

Estimates for the project run from \$900,000 to \$1,250,000 with 200 calendar days to be allowed for completion of the work. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Jan. 26.

Jurors ponder 'Dale car'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jurors have begun deliberation in the fraud trial of a transsexual auto company president who promised to produce a revolutionary three-wheeled car.

The case, which went to the jury Monday, involves G. Elizabeth Carmichael, formerly Jerry Dean Michael of Dallas, and four officials of her firm, the 20th Century Motor Car Co.

During the six-month trial on promotion of the "Dale car," the 12-member jury heard the prosecution refer to promises about the three-wheeled vehicle as "skin deep."

The car was to sell for \$1,969, travel 70 miles per gallon of gasoline and withstand collisions of up to 30 miles per hour.

Prosecutor Robert Youngdahl argued that Ms. Carmichael bilked the public out of at least \$64,000 through promotion of the car. He said the defendants never intended to build the vehicle for sale.

Mrs. Moyers appointed trustee

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Judith Davidson Moyers, wife of commentator Bill Moyers, was appointed today as a trustee of the State University of New York by Gov. Hugh L. Carey.

Mrs. Moyers, 41, of Garden City, N.Y., is active in several religious and civic groups, and serves as director and co-chairman of the Long Island Division of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

She was named to a term ending June 30, 1981, succeeding Clifton W. Phalen, who retired. The Board of Trustees, which is unsalaried, sets policy for the SUNY system, which has 250,000 full-time students.

The appointment must be approved by the state Senate.

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Compromise, power key to school funds puzzle?

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — It's going to take a whole lot of compromise or a raw display of power for the 65th Legislature to create a new system for financing public schools.

Look at the groups with dollars and conflicting interests at stake:

—Taxpayers, many of whom have experienced big increases in local property taxes to pay for education.

—School teachers, who want a 25 per cent raise this September and complain that their average salary is \$1,151 below the national average.

—Tax-poor districts, who still seek a formula that will

enable them to give their children an education equal in quality to that provided by property-rich districts.

This will be the third straight session in which legislators have dealt with the problem, having produced only stopgap solutions in 1973 and 1975.

It all started when a federal court ruled in December 1972 that children in the Edgewood Independent School District were denied their constitutional right to equality under the law by the property tax-based school finance system. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that while discrimination did exist, it

was not within the power of the courts to redress it.

Since then, Texas has revised its system to base state and local shares of the Foundation School Program upon the market value of taxable property within each district.

But inequities continue. Taxpayers complain. Teachers gripe about a minimum salary scale that starts at \$8,000 a year and guarantees no more than \$12,780 to a master's degree holder with 15 or more years of experience.

The state's estimated \$3 billion tax windfall will provide some money to address the problem, but

spending recommended by the Legislative Budget Board would use up \$2 billion without reaching the school finance issue.

At least four plans will be introduced in the legislature:

—Gov. Dolph Briscoe's bill to raise the state share of the Foundation School Program from 75 to 90 per cent, or \$640 million over the next two years. A district's share would be nine cents per \$100 in market value of taxable property instead of the present 35 cents. Briscoe's office has estimated values for each district. No teacher salary increase is mandated. A ceiling of \$1 per \$100 would be slapped on local property taxes for district maintenance and operations.

Increases in such formula items as transportation costs and a \$100 million jump in "equalization aid" for poor districts would give Briscoe's package an \$850 million total price tag.

—The Texas State Teachers Association's \$1.4 million proposal that would increase state funding of the foundation program from 75 per cent to 85 per cent and raise teacher salaries 25 per cent across-the-board in September. Local shares of the foundation program

would be 15 cents per \$100 of taxable property. Minimum salary for teachers would increase to \$10,000.

—A \$900 million package recommended by the Texas School Administrators Council, a coalition of seven organizations including the Texas Association of School Administrators. It would raise teacher pay by 20 per cent, increase the state share of the foundation program to 85 per cent and continue the present limit on school taxes of \$1.50 per \$100. Equalization funds for poor districts that make a high tax effort would increase from \$100 million to \$150 million a year.

—A bill by the special House Committee on Alternatives to Public School Finance that would require 100 per cent state funding of the foundation program. It would restrict the ability of districts to "enrich" their programs beyond the minimum subsidized by the state. It also would limit each district's revenue-raising ability to the amount collected in the 1976 tax year, minus 85 per cent of its local share of the foundation program for that year.

The teachers association, with more than 100,000

members, cannot be expected to go along with a finance bill that lacks a pay raise.

Its leaders already have said Briscoe is pitting taxpayers against teachers by leaving the decision on a pay raise to each local board of education.

Blanket increases in the state's share of the foundation program make rich districts richer and widen the gap between them and those with impoverished tax bases, says the Texas Research League's director, Jim McGrew.

The league is better known for its interest in cheap government. But McGrew has been on crusading on equity grounds against any plan that would boost the state share of the foundation program.

He points out that Deer Park, rich in industry, now receives \$200 per child from the state and pays \$600 per child as its share of the foundation program. Edgewood, meanwhile, pays about \$50 per child toward its total foundation program cost of about \$750, McGrew says.

Full state funding therefore, would give Edgewood \$50 per pupil in

additional state funds but Deer Park would get 12 times as much—about \$600 per pupil, he said.

Under Briscoe's 90 per cent plan, "Deer Park would get only nine times more additional state aid than Edgewood," McGrew said.

Briscoe understands from past battles that singling out the poorest districts for new state aid brings out the rich ones, too, each clamoring for its share.

House Speaker Bill Clayton believes most legislators agree that state aid should be based on market value of a district's taxable property. Market value was resisted in past sessions because it meant less state aid and higher taxes for a number of

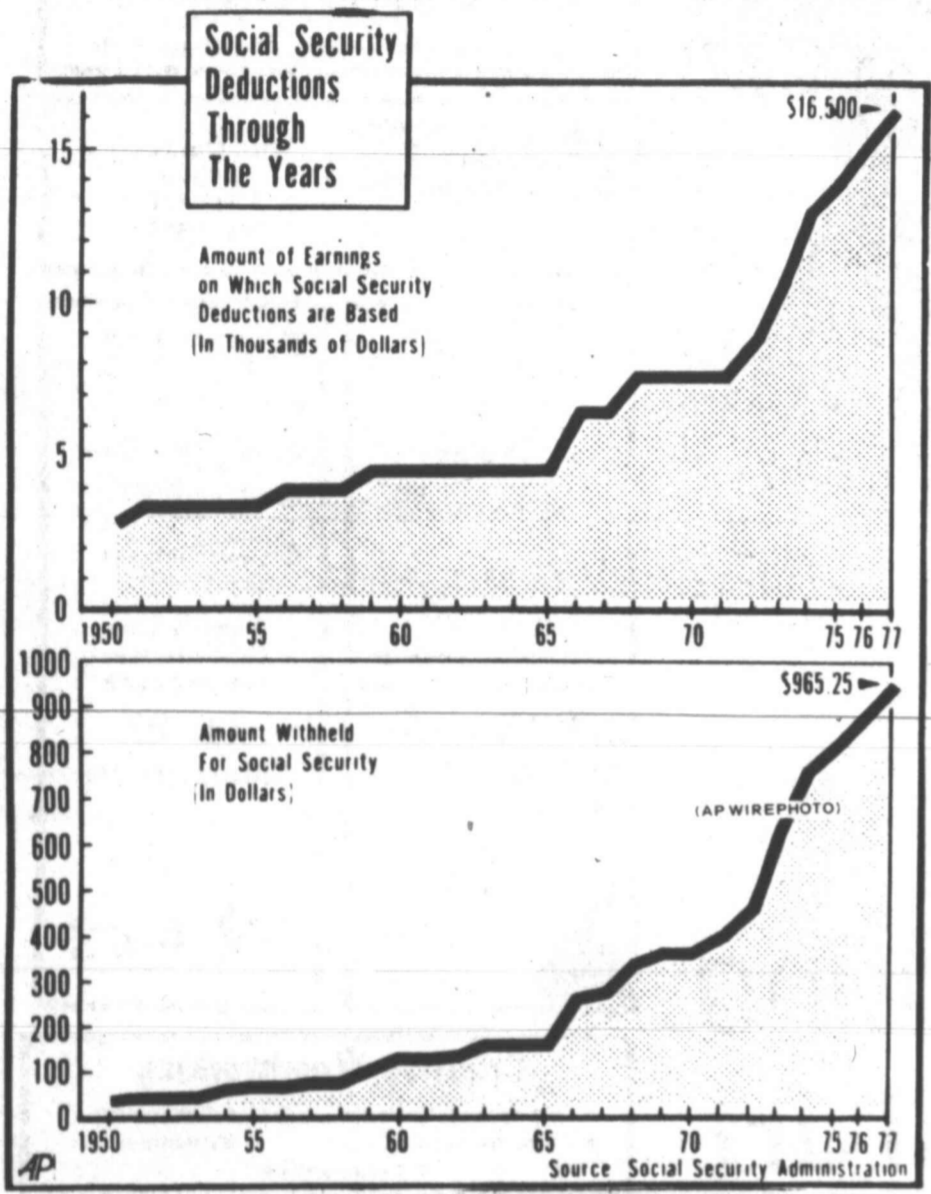
districts.

"Because of the fact that all (plans) look toward a similar type of approach, I believe we will find the magical numbers to plug in and have a pretty good school finance bill this time," he says.

Clayton, however, believes teacher pay should be separated from the bill that sets out the system of the school finance—something the teachers' association probably would resist.

"I don't think there will be more than a cost of living increase (for teachers)," he said.

He expects the final bill will raise the state's share of the foundation program to 90 to 100 per cent and mandate a cut in local property taxes.



GROWING RATE OF SOCIAL SECURITY DEDUCTIONS — The top chart shows the amount of earnings on which social security deductions were made for the years 1950 through 1976. The bottom chart shows the rise of earnings withheld for social security from 1950 to the present.

Staffs of magazines threatening to strike

NEW YORK (AP) — The first refusal on sale of Burden's stock, has said he would buy it and resell it to the Washington Post.

The Post's publisher, Katherine Graham, was reported over the weekend to have dropped out of the bargaining, but an attorney representing the Washington Post, Melvin Bedrick, said Monday the Post was still in the bidding.

The New York Post Monday treated the magazine sale as virtually a fait accompli, with a headline reading "N.Y. Post Buying Control of New York Mag, Voice," over a story saying Burden and other shareholders had agreed to sell out to "City Post Publishing Corp., which is headed by Murdoch."

The strike plan was outlined Monday in a statement signed by 57 writers and editors of New York and New West.

They demanded a 10-day postponement of the sale and a search for "a far more acceptable buyer, such as the Washington Post."

"We are the talent package that is being bartered," the statement continued. "We are faced with a sudden transfer of control of this magazine, the flagship of the company, to a foreign publishing conglomerate, controlled by a man whose journalistic approach appears alien to us and whose commitment to our city is untested."

Murdoch, whose holdings include 84 newspapers in Australia, Great Britain and the United States, has been accused of promoting sensationalism to sell papers.

Crucial to the outcome is whether socialite City Councilman Carter Burden can sell his 425,202 shares, representing 24 per cent of the magazine's stock and the largest block, to Murdoch for more than \$3.5 million.

Felker, who claims he has successfully obtaining a high school diploma by passing the G.E.D. test.

Currently 165 Adult Education students are enrolled at the Howard College campus, and 168 students are being served at the Big Spring State Hospital. Coahoma has 24 students, Garden City 18, Big Lake 35 and Forsan is serving 23 students.

A number of Adult Education students have successfully passed the G.E.D., enabling them to obtain their high school diploma.

Students wishing to enroll or obtain more information may contact Herb Johnson or Rosemary Flores at the Howard College Administration Building, phone 267-6311 Ex. 66.

SPEED READING COURSE TO BE TAUGHT IN BIG SPRING

The United States Reading Lab is offering their famous speed reading course to a limited number of qualified people here in the Big Spring area. The average person who completes this course can read 10 times faster, and with substantially improved comprehension and better concentration.

This famous course has taught many thousands of people to read over 1000 words per minute with the ability to understand and retain what they have read much more effectively. Average graduates can read most novels in less than one hour.

For complete details about this famous speed reading course, be sure to attend one of the free one hour orientation lectures that have been scheduled. These lectures are open to the public, above age 13 (persons under 18 should be accompanied by a parent, if possible,) and the course will be explained in complete detail, including class schedules, instruction procedures and a tuition that is much less than similar courses.

These meetings will be held at:

the Executive Conference Room of the Texas Electric, 5th & Runnels, Big Spring, on Thursday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m., Friday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m., and two final meetings on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m.

Classes are limited and class places will be filled on first come-first serve basis only. Be sure to attend the earliest meeting possible to insure a class place. Group rates are available upon request.

Advertising

Vice woes smoldering

DALLAS (AP) — The smoldering prostitute problem in Dallas' Oak Lawn-Cedar Springs area flared again Monday as residents of the once-fashionable neighborhood complained of violence to the Dallas City Council.

Tom Baker said a friend of his was stabbed by "two pimps" at a convenience store in the area because he refused their offer of a prostitute, and that an area man was stabbed to death in similar circumstances last week.

"The news media are writing about this problem as if it were a joke," Baker said. "But those of us who know what is going on realize this isn't funny."

Dallas police set up driver's license checks in the near-downtown area last year, and Baker said that helped. "But the police only did this for three days. When they stopped, the customers came back and so did the girls," he said.

He and other residents asked police to beef up their enforcement of anti-prostitution laws.

Police Lt. Richard Horn said he hadn't noted an increase in violence in the area, but said that the potential for violence exists.

Councilman L.A. Murr said renewed license checks could be the best approach to the problem.

Other councilmen pointed

out they passed ordinances to deal with the problem, including one that prohibits "known prostitutes" from waving or trying to flag down motorists to solicit sex.

Scout banquet speaker named

Dr. Tom Haggai, director of personnel for the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will be the featured speaker at the Buffalo Trail Council annual banquet at the First Presbyterian Church in Midland, 800 W. Texas Ave., Thursday, Jan. 27. The event is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m.

During his 11 years as a church pastor, Dr. Haggai's churches sponsored all units of Scouting and one of his most prized possessions is a Silver Buffalo Award, Scouting's highest recognition for adult volunteer leadership. He received the award in 1971.

The banquet will be preceded by the council's annual business meeting at 6 p.m. Other program features will be the installation of council and district officers for 1977 and the presentation of Silver Beaver awards.

Tickets for the events will be \$4 each and should be ordered in advance.

CBS to hire Kissinger?

NEW YORK (AP) — Spokesmen for both sides denied it, but Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger reportedly has been talking with William S. Paley about succeeding Paley as chairman of CBS.

A State Department briefing officer in Washington said he had no knowledge of any such talks, which were reported Monday in the New York Post. A CBS spokesman told the newspaper no such talks had taken place.

"The Post is told Henry hasn't yet made up his mind but is tempted by the money, the power and the glamorous fringe benefits that would go with the job," the newspaper said on its newly inaugurated "People" page.

Paley, 75, reportedly intends to retire this spring. Kissinger is expected to leave office before President-elect Carter takes office Jan. 20.

G.E.D. classes to begin Tuesday

The Howard College Adult Basic Education, English As A Second Language, and G.E.D. classes will begin again next Tuesday at 7 p.m. Students already enrolled in the classes should report to their usual classes. Those persons wishing to enroll may do so by contacting the Adult Education Office located in the Howard College Administration Building.

English As A Second Language is a class intended for those persons who wish to speak English or increase their English speaking skills. The Basic Education and G.E.D. classes are designed for those students wishing to learn or increase their reading, language, math and other basic skills and knowledge necessary for

Sales, Frauchice tax information available

Big Spring, Wednesday, Jan. 19, to answer questions from taxpayers and provide assistance in filing tax returns.

Bullock said Enforcement Officer Gene Denison will be at the Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office from 8:00 to 12:00 noon.

"I hope local merchants will take this opportunity to get any questions they have about the sales or franchise taxes answered," said Bullock. "A little straight information can save us both headaches."

The Odessa Field Office, headed by Sherman Carrell, serves Andrews, Martin, Howard, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Reeves, Ward, Crane, Upton, Pecos, Jeff Davis, Terrell, Presidio, and Brewster Counties.

Home improvement quiz starts phones ringing

The phones rang off the wall at City Hall Monday in reference to Friday's "Action-Reaction" section in the Herald, according to Paul Feazelle, head of community development.

Many local citizens called to ask about receiving loans through the Community Development Rehabilitation Program.

"The problem is that the program hasn't been enacted yet," said Feazelle. "We are looking for people with experience in this area to head the program, but they are hard to find. We hope to begin the program later this month, and will notify people with announcements in the Herald and on local radio stations."

Under the program, Big Springers with low incomes will be eligible for grants for home improvement or development. This size of one grants and required matching funds will be based on the size of yearly income.

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THROUGH the fieldglasses

By Danny Reagan

Support the Steers!

It seems that the number of fans that show up for sporting contests are in direct proportion to the winning or losing season that their team is experiencing.

The Big Spring Steers shot out of the chute this season winning four of their first five roundball outings, and the crowds were very good and vocal. But the Bovines haven't played on their home court in five weeks, and dropped six of their eleven road games to boot.

Normally, one would think that that fact would tend to thin out the attendance at tonight's district opener against Abilene in Steer gym. And that will probably be the case, as most people won't give the locals a chance against last year's roundball champions.

But the 9-7 record of the Steers is not that bad, considering the class of competition they have gone up against, the uncertainties of a starting lineup, and the lack of height. The Steers have conquered whatever difficulties they are experiencing with a speed that leaves burn marks in the hardwood and a team determination that will no doubt keep their heads above water in their district guerrilla warfare.

Bubba Stripling, last year's top scorer for the Steers, and second in that column this year, indicated last night that the overall mood of the team is good. The whipping they received at the hands of Snyder last week still haunts them somewhat, but Stripling feels that the team can rebound from the defeat.

The Steers opened their 1976-77 season Nov. 16 before perhaps the largest crowd to ever see a roundball game in Steer gym. It would be a shame if their district opener tonight at 8 p.m. would be less. Go out and support your team!



THE DANCING LINEMAN — Offensive lineman Morris Towns of the University of Missouri football team learns some hula dancing from greeter Manu Minniear at Honolulu International Airport. Towns arrived Sunday for next weekend's Hula Bowl, in which he will play with the West team.

Steers open district play against Abilene tonight

The Big Spring Steers basketball squad open their 1977 season tonight at 8 o'clock against last year's District 5-4 A champions, the Abilene High Eagles. A junior varsity game precedes the contest at 6:30.

The Steers, sporting a 9-7 season record going into the league slate, are exhibiting a brand of run and gun roundball that is reminiscent of the Howard College Hawks. Head Coach James "Griff" Griffin and his staff have molded a group of bucket-poppers together that definitely have an outside chance to be contenders for the crown this year.

The probable starting line-up for the Bovines tonight include 6-4 senior Casey Wilder at center, 6-3 senior Mike Harris and 6-4 junior Kenneth Perry at forwards, and 6-1 junior Scott Wilder and 6-0 Senior Bubba Stripling at guards. Other Steers who will no doubt see action include 6-2 senior Frankie Rubio, 6-1 senior Johnny

"Bam" Jones, 6-2 sophomore Danny Crosby and 5-10 senior Elroy Green. The Steers, whose tough opening games include Permian and Lee in the first two weeks, also play Midland High Thursday in Steer gym.

DISTRICT 5-4A STANDINGS			
TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Midland Lee	17	4	.810
Abilene Cooper	14	5	.737
Odessa Permian	12	5	.706
Abilene High	11	8	.579
Big Spring	9	7	.563
SA Central	7	7	.500
Odessa High	7	17	.292
Midland High	4	14	.286

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS			
Monday	Cooper 49, Wichita Falls Rider 47		
Tuesday	Lee 70, Perryton 50; Hobbs 110, Midland 74; Permian 73, Pecos 49 (OT); Abilene 97, Perryton 67; Central 52, Snyder 51		
Wednesday	Lee 87, Rider 73; EP Jetterson 73, Midland 64; Borger 91, Abilene 66; Dunbar 64, Odessa 57		
Thursday	Borger 70, Lee 68; EP Riverside 59, Midland 55; Ector 82, Abilene 78; Odessa 75, Levelland 59; Snyder 70, Big Spring 62		
Friday	Wichita Falls 53, Odessa 34		

THIS WEEK'S GAMES			
Today	Midland at Permian, Odessa at Lee, Abilene at Big Spring, Central at Cooper		
Friday	Midland at Big Spring, Central at Lee, Permian at Abilene, Cooper at Odessa		

Scorecard

Area schedule

Abilene at BIG SPRING.
Midland at Permian.
Odessa at Lee.
San Angelo at Cooper.
Lakeview at Lamesa.
Sandoz at Kiondike.
Borden County at Wellman.
Coahoma at Crane.
Stamford at Colorado City.
Forsan at Stanton.

College roundball

EAST
Detroit 105, Buffalo 74
Penn St 98, Colgate 59
Princeton 76, Notre Dame 62
Rhode Island 70, LaSalle 61
St. Francis, Pa. 55, Fair Dickinson 53
Syracuse 93, Cornell 61

SOUTH
Alabama 74, Auburn 71
Citadel 67, Stetson 65
Florida 97, Mississippi St 75
Kentucky 64, Georgia 59, OT
Louisiana St 75, Mississippi 69
Louisville 78, Florida St 75, OT
McNeese St 68, New Orleans 64
Memphis St 87, S Mississippi 78
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S Carolina 54, Nebraska 49
Tennessee 73, Vanderbilt 69
Tenn. Chattanooga 92, Samford 77
Virginia 67, Davidson 48
Virginia St 93, Roanoke 79
W Virginia 112, Bucknell 71

MIDWEST
Ball St 66, Butler 59
Illinois St 89, Bradley 66
Indiana St 104, Evansville 68
Marquette 63, Georgia Tech 45
N Dakota 73, Wis. Milwaukee 57
Oral Roberts 73, Wichita St 64
S Illinois 100, Kan. Benedictine 51

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St 80, Hardin-Simmons 59
Texas El Paso 83, Doane 66
W Texas St 65, Okla. Baptist 63

PAC WEST
Idaho St 88, Cal. Bakersfield 73
Nevada-Las Vegas 113, Colorado 91
New Mexico 79, W New Mexico 66

Somewhere over the rainbow...Donbirds sing?

The undefeated University of San Francisco Dons, using the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu as a springboard, have displaced Michigan as the nation's top college basketball team in the weekly Associated Press Top Twenty poll.

The Dons, in boosting their record to 15-0 last week, collected 963 points, including 28 first-place votes, in the balloting announced today. Fifty-three sportswriters and broadcasters participated in the voting based on results of games through Sunday.

San Francisco, third a week ago, won three games en route to the championship of the Rainbow Classic holiday tournament. The Dons defeated St. John's, N.Y., 80-70 and Arizona State 114-96 in the opening rounds, then captured the championship with an 86-81 victory over Houston.

Stanton juniors take two from Coahoma

STANTON — The two Stanton Jr. High boys' teams took a pair of games from Coahoma Jr. High, but the visitors' claimed the victory in the girls' game.

Fabian Villa's nine markers led the 7th grade boys to a 24-17 victory, as Bobby Tucker hit seven for Coahoma. Valanzo Padron bucketed 16 to lead the 8th grade team to a 43-30 decision over the visitors. Darrell Douglas hit 10 for Coahoma.

In the fem contest, Bonnie McKenzie sunk eight to lead her team in scoring, but Andrea Fowler led the Coahoma team to the victory, 28-16.

Ali goes down for the count--\$2 mil

CHICAGO (AP) — A Circuit Court judge has granted a divorce decree to the wife of heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, which provides that the prize fighter must pay her benefits close to \$2 million.

Judge Robert L. Hunter of Circuit Court issued the decree last week to Khalilah Ali after a hearing held in his chambers, but word of the action did not become public until Monday.

Khalilah Ali had been married to the boxer for nine years and had four children by him. Ali did not attend the hearing last Wednesday, during which Mrs. Ali was the only witness. She testified for less than an hour.

Under the settlement, Mrs. Ali will get custody of the children as well as a large apartment building on the South Side, a home in south suburban Flossmoor and two automobiles, including a Rolls Royce. The agreement also sets up a trust fund for the youngsters.

A portion of the money settlement, the exact size of which was not learned immediately, was paid to Mrs. Ali on Wednesday, sources familiar with the case said. The settlement was estimated by the sources to be in the \$2 million range.

The only witness at the final hearing was Mrs. Ali. Her divorce suit, which charged desertion, said that the champion "violated his marriage vows, contrary to the teachings of Islam."

Ali appeared in public last year with a woman, Veronica Porsche of Los Angeles, and later acknowledged in court papers filed in Michigan that he had fathered a child by Miss Porsche. Ali was divorced by his first wife, Sonji, in 1967.

Michigan, 7-1, dropped to fifth place in the rankings after an 82-81 double overtime loss to Providence in the Friar Classic last week. The Wolverines had held the top spot all season. Michigan, however, won two games during the week, beating Rhode Island and South Carolina.

Cincinnati, 9-0, took over the runner-up position with 830 points, including six first-place votes. The Bearcats, fifth last week, posted victories during the week over South Carolina and Indiana.

Kentucky, sixth last week, moved up to third with 791 points and 13 first-place ballots. The Wildcats played

only once during the week, downing Notre Dame 102-78, raising their record to 7-1. Kentucky also saw action Monday night, outlasting Georgia 64-59 in overtime.

Unbeaten Alabama, 9-0, remained fourth, topping Western Michigan in its only game of the week. The Crimson Tide amassed 737 points with one first-place vote. Alabama played Monday night, edging Auburn 74-71.

Michigan accumulated 686 points with four votes for No. 1.

North Carolina, 8-1, catapulted from ninth to sixth. The Tar Heels had a lone first-place vote in collecting 528 points. North Carolina beat Oral

Roberts, Oregon and Weber State last week.

UCLA, 10-1, jumped from eighth to seventh with 515 points after victories over Southern Methodist, Utah State and Houston.

Notre Dame, second last week, plummeted to eighth as a result of its loss to Kentucky. The Fighting Irish, 7-1 through Sunday, compiled 461 points. Notre Dame absorbed another setback Monday night, bowing to Princeton 76-62.

Nevada-Las Vegas and Wake Forest rounded out the Top Ten. Nevada-Las Vegas climbed from 11th to ninth with 219 points and Wake Forest fell from seventh to 10th with 212.

Clemson, 10th, a week ago, fell out of the Top Ten after losing to Marquette.

Steerettes nipped by Abilene, 48-46

The Big Spring Steerettes basketball team lost a heart-breaker in Abilene Monday night when they went down 48-46 on the final shot.

Abilene girls played all last year and an eight-game schedule this far this year while this was the second game for Big Spring.

The 5-AAAA teams are playing a junior varsity schedule this year since it is the first season for most of the schools. However, Abilene High actually has a varsity team with a year's experience and a JV team.

Rose Magers slapped in 26 big ones for Big Spring to pace the scoring on both squads. Sherry Byrd added ten for Big Spring. Bobbie Kolhman was outstanding on defense for Coach Wanda Ferguson's charges.

Coach Ferguson said the loss was due to Abilene's expansion plan coupled with a bad shooting percentage for the Steerettes.

Coach Nancy Deason's freshmen beat the Abilene B team, made up of sophomores and juniors. The score was 34-28.

Tracey Simpson paced the scoring with 20 and Nora Billaha played an outstanding defensive game, blocking many Abilene shots.

The girls play again Thursday at Midland with the first game at 6:30 p.m.

Name that Kuhn. 'The King and I'

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge has reiterated that the main issue in a \$3.5 million damage suit against baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn by Oakland A's owner Charles Finley is whether Kuhn was empowered to void the sale of three star players.

Judge Frank J. McGarr of U.S. District Court said Monday that any malice on the part of Kuhn toward Finley is irrelevant to the case.

McGarr told defense attorney Peter Bleakley that he does not "think if there was a feud or personal animosity it has any relevance in this case."

Testimony in the case was set to continue today.

Finley charges that Kuhn acted partly out of personal dislike in voiding the sales of Joe Mauer, Rolfe Fingers and Vida Blue for \$3.5 million.

Bleakley cross-examined Finley on the stand Monday and attempted to show that the A's owner "difficult," "troublesome" and "obstructionist" in some baseball dealings.

But McGarr said, "I'm not interested if the commissioner liked Mr. Finley or not," McGarr told the

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Turner shows Kuhn coup, buys Atlanta Hawks too

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Braves owner Ted Turner, temporarily a man without a baseball team, went out Monday and purchased a basketball franchise.

Turner, suspended for one year Sunday by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn for apparent overzealous pursuit of free agent outfielder Gary Matthews, Monday announced he had bought more than 50 per cent of the National Basketball Association Atlanta Hawks.

He named former American Basketball Association Commissioner Mike Storen president and general manager of the Hawks.

Turner, 38, who owns television stations in Charlotte, N.C., and Atlanta, said he has not met NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien "but I understand that a basketball owner has never been suspended."

Turner's investment in the Hawks was about \$1.5 million and makes him the principal owner. Storen holds options to purchase 20 per cent of the team.

Storen, 41, a former general manager of the ABA Indiana Pacers and Kentucky Colonels, replaced Bud Seretean, who remains a member of the board of directors. Tom Cousins, one of the Hawks' principal owners since the team moved to Atlanta from St. Louis in 1968, also will remain a member of the board.

The Hawks are 12-26, so Storen will have his job cut out for him. Turner said he was first approached about the Hawks a month ago by Cousins and Seretean in an effort to keep the financially troubled Hawks in Atlanta.

Turner was suspended Sunday by Kuhn for his handling of the Braves acquisition of free agent outfielder Gary Matthews.

Mathews was signed to a five-year, \$1.875 million contract last Nov. 18. The contract was approved Monday by National League President Chub Feeney.

The Braves earlier had been fined \$10,000 for tampering with Mathews during the season before he became a free agent.

Pro teams examine Aggie shoeless wonder Franklin

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pro football scouts are drooling over the barefoot place-kicking exploits of collegian Tony Franklin but their eager anticipation is tempered somewhat by a touch of reality plus a measure of uncertainty.

As a sophomore at Texas A&M, the shoeless wonder has two more seasons before he puts himself on the money block. Also, nobody knows how well he might do if his toes are cramped by a tight leather shoe.

"When he goes to the pros, he will have to wear shoes," warned Jim Kensil, executive director of the National Football League. "League rules — everybody's equipment has to be the same."

Also in the NFL, Franklin will have a narrower crossbar target — an 18.6-foot crossbar instead of the 24.6 used by college teams — and will have to do his stuff without the benefit of a two-inch tee, barred by the pros.

Michigan State turned up about 10 years ago with a barefoot technique. Michigan State turned up about 10 years ago with a barefoot technique. Michigan State turned up about 10 years ago with a barefoot technique.

None of this may matter. Franklin's forte is unbelievable pedal power. He banged a 62-yarder in the Sun Bowl Sunday as Texas A&M beat Florida 37-14. During the season he exploded a boot of 65 yards — an NCAA record.

Franklin's Sun Bowl field goal sailed 10 or 15 yards over the bar, giving rise to speculation that he probably would have hit from 10 yards farther back.

It was about unanimous

The Steelers failed to bring a football title to Pittsburgh this season but the Pitt Panthers did.

Barely one week after the defending pro champion Steelers were eliminated from the National Football League playoffs, the unbeaten and untied University of Pittsburgh Panthers were named today as winners of college football's national championship.

Pitt, which wrapped up its first all-winning season in 58 years Saturday by routing Georgia 27-3 in the Sugar Bowl for a 12-0 record, was an overwhelming and near-perfect winner in The Associated Press' national championship poll.

The Panthers received 59 of 62 first-place votes and 1,234 of a possible 1,240 points from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. It was their first national championship in 39 years and second since The AP poll originated in 1936.

Pitt, ninth in the preseason poll, moved up to third place by winning its opener handily against Notre Dame on the road 31-10. The Panthers then climbed into second place behind Michigan on the third weekend of the season and took over the top spot when the Wolverines were upset by Purdue 16-14 on Nov. 6.

Southern California, which won 11 games in a row — including a 14-6 triumph over Michigan in the Rose Bowl — after dropping its opener to Missouri 46-25, finished second in the final rankings. The Trojans received the other three first-place votes and 1,118 points in moving up from third in the final regular-season poll.

Michigan, which was No. 1 for the first eight weeks of the campaign, slipped from second to third with 847 points. Houston's Cinderella Cougars, unranked before the season, jumped from sixth to fourth with 804 points by upending previously unbeaten Maryland 30-21 in the Cotton Bowl.



SPECIAL ATTENTION — University of Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett, left, pins a "Pitt Number One" badge on Jackie Sherrill in the locker room Saturday in New Orleans after Pitt won the Sugar Bowl over Georgia. Sherrill will be the new No. 1 tight end this season, replacing Johnny Johnson.

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Nixon administration violated jobs rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration violated Civil Service regulations hundreds of times in an effort to get federal jobs for politically favored persons, a House subcommittee has concluded after a 22-month investigation.

In its final 246-page report on abuses in federal employment between 1969 and 1973, the subcommittee said there was "pervasive manipulation of merit system procedures to provide preferential treatment for favored candidates for career appointments."

It said the White House personnel operation was the "nerve center" of this operation.

The report of the subcommittee on manpower and civil service is expected to be released late this week. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

The report urged changes in federal personnel laws, including a prohibition on political referrals for career federal jobs, which are supposed to be filled by the best qualified applicant.

The report said former President Richard Nixon ordered White House per-

sonnel chief Frederick Malek to look not only for ability in prospective office holders but for political compatibility with Nixon as well.

Malek's personnel operation mainly was concerned with finding persons for non-career jobs, which are openly political appointments. But, the report said, the White House also referred political favorites of the administration or of certain members of Congress for career jobs.

Meanwhile, the Civil Service Commission, the agency that is supposed to insure that non-political jobs are filled by the best applicant, "aided and abetted" the administration, the report said.

During the four years covered by the report, "the commission consistently assumed an ostrich-like stand in response to repeated and specific allegations of political influence."

The political favoritism has "seriously damaged the integrity of the whole (Civil Service) system," the subcommittee said.

A Civil Service Commission spokesman declined comment on the report.

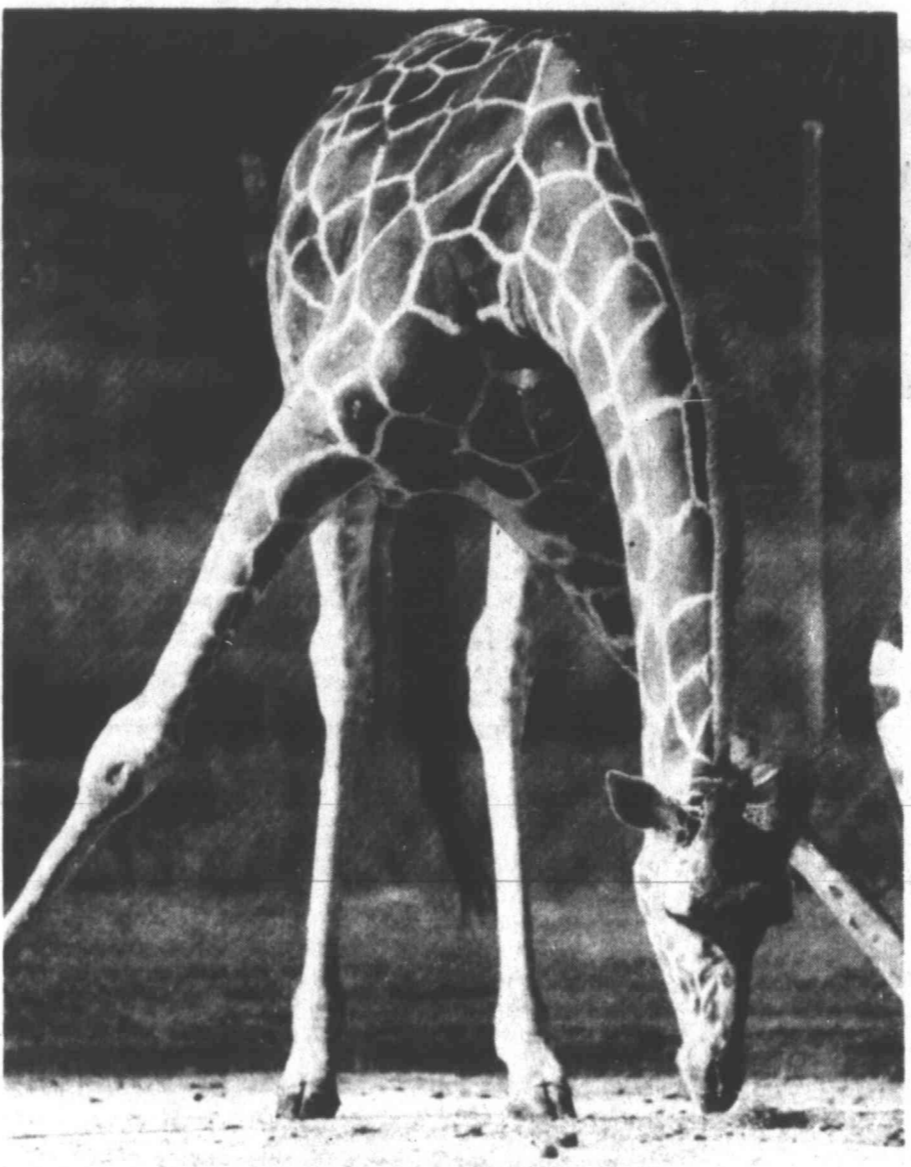
The report said applications for jobs with political backing were accompanied by a form known as a "pink tag."

These tags "were widely accepted by examining personnel of the commission's area office as requiring expedited, if not favorable action." This special treatment gave considerable advantage to the applications accompanied by pink tags, the report said.

The subcommittee called the pink tag system "completely contrary to a career service based on merit principles."

"Undoubtedly, abuses and manipulation occurred before 1969 and after 1973. It's clear, however, that the extent of manipulations and abuses reached its zenith," during this period, the report said.

The panel recommended strengthening Civil Service laws and said such legislation should "protect from reprisal or intimidation those who are willing to come forward to expose wrongful acts by government officials," the subcommittee said.



STRETCH AND BEND — That's exactly what this giraffe at Lion Country Safari near West Palm Beach, Fla., is doing — stretching its front legs out and bending way down to get at some food.

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Time to retire
with Marj Carpenter

Lloyd Lile, 1510 Sunset, retired with the year out at Cabot Carbon Co. after 34 years and four months. He actually retired on the 30th day of December and is typical of the many people who retire here.

Big Spring has an unusually large number of retired couples, including many railroaders, oilfield people, Cosden personnel, and civil service people. A lot of retired military also return to Big Spring.

This has a big impact on the Big Spring economy. Areas in Arizona work hard to cultivate retired people and Big Spring draws them simply because the town is friendly and relaxed and because they enjoy it here.

Lile's wife, Virginia, will continue to teach in Stanton where she teaches special education. Lile is planning to



TIME TO FISH

enjoy his granddaughter and also get in a lot of fishing.

Born in Guyton, Okla., he was from a pioneer family there and his dad was sheriff 20 years in that area. Growing up in a family of eight children, Lile worked a while for Cabot there and then joined the service in World War II serving in Okinawa and Siapan in the 32nd Engineers attached to the Marines.

Lile lost 50 per cent of his hearing in the battles at those locations. He came back and went back to Cabot, working for them in Guyton until 1951 when he came to Big Spring as shift foreman. He has worked here for over 24 years.

His daughter, Linda Lou Cathey, and granddaughter, Jennifer Jo, live in Monahans. Mrs. Cathey worked at the Big Spring Country Club several years before going to Monahans.

Lile really likes to fish. He laughs and says, "My wife, Virginia, used to like to fish, but I think she got worn out on it. So, I'm going to teach the granddaughter to fish."

The family enjoys fishing around Buena Vista and Platara, Colorado where they can do stream fishing.

However, since Virginia will continue to teach, they plan to wait until summer for Colorado fishing. "In the meantime, Colorado City Lake will have to do," Lile states.

A study in Texas of counties which have an older age population included Howard County near the top in this category. This is in spite of the fact that Webb Air Force Base has kept the population average here in a younger bracket.

Big Spring also has a lot of retired people and they have learned that this is important to the community.

Such places as the Kentwood Adult Center, the Senior Citizen's Center at the Presbyterian Church and other activities have been geared toward these people.

However, a lot of them entertain themselves through such activities as fishing and fishing is available in this part of the state at Lake Thomas, Lake Colorado City and Lake

10,000 nurses surveyed

Deaths accidentally caused by doctors

NEW YORK (AP) — A survey of 10,000 nurses found that 42 per cent said they had seen deaths among patients which they thought had been caused accidentally by doctors.

The survey, reported in the January issue of the magazine Nursing 77, also found that 15 per cent of the nurses said they had more than once seen deaths caused accidentally by doctors and that 18 per cent knew of deaths accidentally caused by nurses.

Thirty-eight per cent of the nurses wouldn't like to be patients in their own hospitals, the survey found.

It rated nursing care in the United States and Canada at a "low B" grade. The smaller the hospital, the survey indicated, the less the responding nurses thought of the care.

As for nursing homes, 55 per cent of responding nurses who worked in such

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